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Bosco, Cynthia (for California Dept. of Developmental Services)

(1) Fourteenth and Final Account and Report of Conservator; (2) Petition for Fees, for Termination of Conservatorship Distribution of Assets of Estate and (3)

	Discharge of Conservator (Prob. C. 1860 & 2620)				
DO	D: 11-10-10		CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF DEVELOPMENTAL	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:	
			SERVICES , Conservator, is Petitioner.	Note: This is the 9 th hearing on this final account.	
			Account period: 3-1-09 through 11-10-10	On 10-17-12, a separate Petition for	
11	nt. from 111711, 212, 040512,		Accounting: \$34,377.72	Instructions was filed. See Page 1B.	
11	712, 040512, 712, 062812,		Beginning POH: \$14,465.02	Minute Order 11-1-12: No appearances.	
	080212, 100412, 110112		Ending POH: \$16,100.50	Matter continued to 11-29-12. The Court	
	Aff.Sub.Wit.			orders attorney Bruce Beland to be personally present on 11-29-12.	
~	Verified		Account period: 11-11-10 through 6-30-11		
	Inventory		Accounting: \$18,405.01	<u>The following issues remain:</u>	
	PTC		Beginning POH: \$16,100.50	1. Probate Code §§ 2631 and 13100 allow	
	Not.Cred.		Ending POH: \$12,537.04	liquidation and distribution of <u>personal</u> <u>property only</u> in the manner requested.	
~	Notice of Hrg			Real property, including undivided	
~	Aff.Mail	W	(POH consists of cash in the amount of	interests, is subject to Probate Code	
	Aff.Pub.		\$554.93 plus an undivided 1/3 interest of a	§13151, which requires the mandatory	
	Sp.Ntc.		3/4 interest in real property, a stove, and an	judicial council Petition to Determine Succession to Real Property Form DE-	
	Pers.Serv.		air conditioner)	310, inventory and appraisal as of the	
	Conf. Screen			date of death, and noticed hearing.	
	Letters		Conservator: \$125.00	2. Petitioner also requests to distribute this	
	Duties/Supp			asset when there is a Medi-Cal lien on	
	Objections		Attorney: \$40.00	the estate. Need authority.	
	Video			3. The proposed order does not	
	Receipt		Petitioner states there is a Medi-Cal claim in	correspond to the prayer. Need	
_	CI Report		the amount of \$108,627.87 and requests that	clarification.	
	9202		the court authorize payment of the	4. The proposed order does not comply	
*	Order		remaining balance of the conservatorship	with Local Rule 7.6.1.A. Monetary	
			estate on this claim.	distributions must be stated in dollars. Need clarification as to the amount to	
			Delitioner presso for an Order	be distributed on the Medi-Cal claim.	
			Petitioner prays for an Order:	(Examiner calculates \$389.93. Need	
			 Approving, allowing and settling the final account; 	verification.)	
			2. Terminating the proceedings herein;	5. Petitioner originally stated that the	
			Authorizing payment of the	Conservatorship Estate owned an	
			conservator's and attorney's fees;	"UNDIVIDED 1/3RD INTEREST OF 3/4TH	
			4. Authorizing payment of the remaining	INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY." However, Petitioner now states the interest is a "1/2"	
			balance to the Dept. of Health Services	(ONE-HALF)" interest.	
	Aff. Posting		as payment in full on the Medi-Cal claim;	Reviewed by: skc	
	Status Rpt	Χ	5. Authorizing transfer of the house, stove	Reviewed on: 11-27-12	
	UCCJEA		and air conditioner to the Conservatee's	Updates:	
	Citation		sister; and	Recommendation:	
	FTB Notice		6. Discharge of Conservator.	File 1A - Tortorella	
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Nicholas Tortorella (CONS/PE)
Beland, Bruce J. (Senior Staff Counsel, Dept. Developmental Services)
Petition for Instructions (Prob. C. 2403)

DOD: 11-10-10	CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF DEVELOPMENTAL	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
	SERVICES , Conservator, is Petitioner.	Continued from 11-1-12.
	Petitioner states the Conservatee's only	
	known surviving relative is his sister, Cina	Minute Order 11-1-12: No appearances. Matter continued to 11-29-12. The Court orders attorney
Cont. from 110112	Rand, who resides in Clovis, CA. The	Bruce Beland to be personally present on 11-29-
Aff.Sub.Wit.	conservatorship estate herein includes a	12.
✓ Verified	one-half interest in real property in Fresno.	
Inventory	The remaining one-half interest in the real property is held by this conservatee's	Authority does not appear to be proper.
PTC	brother, Dominic Tortella, DOD 11-6-09.	Probate Code §2591(c)(1) allows a conservator the power "to sell at public or
Not.Cred.		private sale" real property without Court
✓ Notice of Hrg	Petitioner states that pursuant to Probate Code §§ 2590 and 2591, the Court may	confirmation of sale.
✓ Aff.Mail W	authorize a Conservator to sell or dispose	Probate Code §2590(a) states the Court may
Aff.Pub.	of real property with or without	make an order granting this power if it is to the
Sp.Ntc.	confirmation.	"advantage, benefit, and best interest of the
Pers.Serv.	Pursuant to Probate Code §2591(c)(1),	estate to do so."
Conf. Screen	the Conservator hereby requests authority	Here, Petitioner is requesting to <u>distribute</u> real
Letters	to transfer the Conservatee's interest in the	property from the conservatorship estate after the Conservatee's death without reference to
Duties/Supp	real property to Ms. Rand, the	the Medi-Cal lien on the conservatorship
Objections	Conservatee's only known surviving	estate in the amount of \$108,627.87 that was
Video Receipt	relative.	noted by Petitioner in the 14th Account filed
CI Report	Petitioner prays that this Court authorize	10-13-11 (Page 1A).
9202	the Director of the Dept. of	Examiner notes that DHS was served with a
✓ Order	Developmental Services of the State of	copy of this Petition and the P&A by mail on 10-16-12; however, the Court may require
	California to exercise its authority under	clarification as to authority to <u>distribute</u> real
	Probate Code §2591 to transfer the Conservatee's interest in the real property	property from a conservatorship estate, <u>with</u>
	and to issue such other relief as	<u>reference to the lien</u> , <u>or</u> further time for
	appropriate.	response <u>or</u> agreement by DHS.
	Memorandum of Points and Authorities	As previously stated, a Petition to Determine
	cites Probate Code §§ 2590 and 2591.	Succession is an appropriate method to distribute property. Examiner notes that this is
	Petitioner states that the Court may	a summary proceeding that requires the heir
	authorize the transfer of the real property,	to petition.
	as the property is not the Conservatee's	2. The Conservatorship Estate owned an
	(or his brother's) residence, as they are	"UNDIVIDED 1/3RD INTEREST OF 3/4TH INTEREST
	both deceased. Petitioner states Cina	IN REAL PROPERTY" (See Schedule G – POH at
	Rand is the only known surviving relative of the Conservatee and the Conservator has	end of account period). Petitioner now states the interest is a "1/2 (ONE-HALF)" interest, with
	no lien or other interest in the property.	the other half held by the brother (Pages 2A
	Further administration of the	and 2B). Need clarification.
	conservatorship estate will only use up	3. Need order.
Aff. Posting	conservatorship assets and will not serve	Reviewed by: skc
Status Rpt	any purpose for which the	Reviewed on: 11-27-12
UCCJEA	conservatorship was created. It appears	Updates:
Citation	to be prudent and in the best interest of all parties that the Court exercise its authority	Recommendation:
FTB Notice	under this section to transfer the real	File 1B - Tortorella
	property to Ms. Rand.	

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Beland, Bruce J. (Senior Staff Counsel, Dept. Developmental Services)

(1) Fourteenth and Final Account and Report of Conservator; (2) Petition for Fees, (3) for Termination of Conservatorship, (4) Distribution of Assets of Estate and (5)

Discharge of Conservator [Prob. C. 1860 & 2620] **NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:** DOD: 11-6-09 CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF DEVELOPMENTAL **SERVICES**, Conservator, is Petitioner. Continued from 11-1-12. Account period: 3-1-09 through 11-6-09 Minute Order 11-1-12: No appearances. Accounting: \$23,821.68 Matter continued to 11-29-12. The Court Cont. from 110112 Beginning POH: \$14,193.12 orders attorney Bruce Beland to be personally \$16,068.68 Ending POH: Aff.Sub.Wit. present on 11-29-12. Account period: 11-7-09 through 5-31-12 Verified \$16,170.48 Page 2B is a separate Petition for Instructions. Accounting: Inventory Beginning POH: \$16,068.68 PTC 1. As stated previously in the prior Examiner Ending POH: \$11,235.03 Notes for the related matter, Probate Code Not.Cred. (POH consists of cash in the amount of §§ 2631 and 13100 allow liquidation and Notice of Hrg Χ \$235.03 plus an undivided 1/3 interest of a 3/4 distribution of <u>personal property only</u> in the Aff.Mail Χ interest in real property) manner requested. Real property, including undivided interests, is subject to Aff.Pub. Conservator: \$50.00 outstanding, Balance Probate Code §13151, which requires the Sp.Ntc. waived mandatory judicial council Petition to Pers.Serv. Determine Succession to Real Property Attorney: \$25.00 outstanding, Balance Form DE-310, inventory and appraisal as of Conf. Screen waived the date of death, and noticed hearing. Letters Court Investigation Fees (Superior Court): **Duties/Supp** 2. Petitioner also requests to distribute this \$50.00, Balance waived. asset when there is a Medi-Cal lien on the **Objections** Petitioner states there is a Medi-Cal claim in estate. Need authority. Video the amount of \$56,556.10 and requests that Receipt the court authorize payment of the 3. Need Notice of Hearing and proof of remaining balance of the conservatorship service at least 15 days prior to the hearing CI Report on Cina Rand (sister) and DHS. (Proof of estate on this claim. 9202 Service filed 10-17-12 relates to the Petition Order Χ Petitioner prays for an Order: for Instructions at Page 2B only.) 7. Approving, allowing and settling the final 4. Order does not match Petition. Petition 8. Terminating the proceedings herein; states ending balance is \$11,235.03, of which \$235.03 is cash. Order states ending 9. Waiving the conservator's and attorney's balance is \$16,100.50, of which \$443.12 is fees: cash. Need clarification. 10. Authorizing payment of \$50.00 to the herein Conservator of the estate for 5. Order does not comply with Local Rule outstanding deferred fees as payment in 7.6.1.A. Monetary distributions must be full and waiving the remaining amount stated in dollars. Need clarification as to the amount to be distributed on the Medi-11. Authorizing payment of \$25.00 to the Cal claim. Examiner is unable to calculate State Dept. of Developmental Services' due to discrepancy noted in #4 above. Office of Legal Affairs for outstanding deferred fees as payment in full and Reviewed by: skc Aff. Posting waive remaining balance due: Status Rpt **Reviewed on:** 11-27-12 12. Authorizing payment of \$50.00 to Fresno **UCCJEA** Updates: Superior Court for outstanding deferred Recommendation: Citation fees previously approved by the Court as FTB Notice File 2A - Tortorella payment in full and waive the remaining balance due; 13. Authorizing payment of the remaining balance to the Dept. of Health Services as payment in full on the Medi-Cal claim; 14. Authorizing transfer of the house to the Conservatee's sister; and

15. Discharge of Conservator.

2B Atty

Beland, Bruce J. (Senior Staff Counsel, Dept. Developmental Services) Petition for Instructions (Prob. C. 2403)

DOD: 11-6-09	CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF DEVELOPMENTAL	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:	
	SERVICES , Conservator, is Petitioner.	Continued from 11-1-12.	
Cont. from 110112	Petitioner states the Conservatee's only known surviving relative is his sister, Cina Rand, who resides in Clovis, CA. The	Minute Order 11-1-12: No appearances. Matter continued to 11-29-12. The Court orders attorney Bruce Beland to be personally	
Aff.Sub.Wit.	conservatorship estate herein includes a	present on 11-29-12.	
	one-half interest in real property in Fresno.	4. Authority does not appear to be proper.	
Vernica	The remaining one-half interest in the real		
Inventory	property is held by this conservatee's	Probate Code §2591(c)(1) allows a conservator the power "to sell at public or	
PTC	brother, Nicholas Tortella, DOD 11-10-10.	<u>private sale</u> " real property without Court	
Not.Cred.	Petitioner states that pursuant to Probate	confirmation of sale.	
Notice of Hrg X	Code §§ 2590 and 2591, the Court may	Probate Code §2590(a) states the Court	
Aff.Mail X	authorize a Conservator to sell or dispose of	may make an order granting this power if it is to the "advantage, benefit, and best	
Aff.Pub.	real property with or without confirmation.	interest of the estate to do so."	
Sp.Ntc.	Pursuant to Probate Code §2591(c)(1), the	Here, Petitioner is requesting to <u>distribute</u>	
Pers.Serv.	Conservator hereby requests authority to	real property from the conservatorship	
Conf. Screen	transfer the Conservatee's interest in the	estate after the Conservatee's death without	
Letters	real property to Ms. Rand, the	reference to the Medi-Cal lien on the conservatorship estate in the amount of	
Duties/Supp	Conservatee's only known surviving relative.	\$108,627.87 that was noted by Petitioner in	
<u>Objections</u>	Petitioner prays that this Court authorize the	the 14th Account filed 10-13-11 (Page 1A).	
Video	Director of the Dept. of Developmental	Examiner notes that DHS was served with a	
Receipt	Services of the State of California to	copy of this Petition and the P&A by mail on	
CI Report	exercise its authority under Probate Code	10-16-12; however, the Court may require clarification as to authority to <u>distribute</u> real	
9202	§2591 to transfer the Conservatee's interest	property from a conservatorship estate, with	
Order X	in the real property and to issue such other	<u>reference to the lien</u> , <u>or</u> further time for	
	relief as appropriate.	response <u>or</u> agreement by DHS.	
	Memorandum of Points and Authorities cites Probate Code §§ 2590 and 2591. Petitioner states that the Court may authorize the transfer of the real property, as the property is not the Conservatee's (or his brother's)	As previously stated, a Petition to Determine Succession is an appropriate method to distribute property. Examiner notes that this is a summary proceeding that requires the heir to petition.	
	residence, as they are both deceased. Petitioner states Cina Rand is the only known surviving relative of the Conservatee and the Conservator has no lien or other interest in the property. Further administration of the conservatorship estate will only use up conservatorship assets and will not serve any purpose for which the	 5. The Conservatorship Estate owned an "UNDIVIDED 1/3RD INTEREST OF 3/4TH INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY" (See Schedule G – POH at end of account period). Petitioner now states the interest is a "1/2 (ONE-HALF)" interest, with the other half held by the brother (Pages 2A and 2B). Need clarification. 6. Need order. 	
Aff. Posting	conservatorship was created. It appears to	Reviewed by: skc	
Status Rpt	be prudent and in the best interest of all	Reviewed on: 11-27-12	
UCCJEA	parties that the Court exercise its authority under this section to transfer the real	Updates:	
Citation	property to Ms. Rand.	Recommendation:	
FTB Notice	proporty to this realid.	File 2B - Tortorella	
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Shahbazian, Steven L. (for Petitioner/Conservator Connie Lynn Rana) Atty Atty

Kruthers, Heather (for the Public Guardian/current conservator of the estate)

(1) Third Account and Report of Conservator and (2) Petition for Fees

Age: 76 years			CONNIE RANA, former Conservator, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			petitioner.	
				Continued from 10/25/12. Minute order
			Account period: 1/8/08 – 12/31/09	states Mr. Shahbazian informs the court
Co	nt. from 102511	l.	Accounting - \$782,889.76	that a conservatorship has been established in Nevada. Ms. Garcia
	611, 012412,	•	Beginning POH- \$642,039.07	informs the Court that she has
030	812, 050712,		Ending POH - \$496,754.10	attempted to contact the Nevada
	812, 072312,		The same of the same	Court, but they are not responding. The
082	712, 102512		Conservator - waives	Public Guardian is directed to provide
	Aff.Sub.Wit.			the Court with the case number as well
V	Verified		Attorney - \$4,187.50 (per	as information as to who they have tried
	In and a	<u> </u>	itemization and declaration, 16.75 hours at	to contact at the Nevada Court. In
	Inventory		\$250.00 per hour)	addition, the Public Guardian is directed
	PTC	I	Current bond: \$800,000.00	to provide the Court information regarding any surcharges and issues
	Not.Cred.		Conem bond. \$600,000.00	with the conservatee.
V	Notice of Hrg		Petitioner prays for an Order:	Will the corbot value.
V	Aff.Mail	W/	• •	Note: Petitioner, Connie Rana, was
Ľ		,	 Settling and allowing the third account 	removed as Conservator of the Estate
	Aff.Pub.		and report and approving and	and the Public Guardian was
	Sp.Ntc.		confirming the acts of petitioner as filed;	appointed by Minute Order dated
	Pers.Serv.		Authorizing Petitioner to pay her attorney the sum of \$4,187.50 for	6/18/13.
Conf. Screen			ordinary legal services provided to the	
	Letters		conservator and the estate during the	
	Duties/Supp		period of the account.	
	Objections			Please see additional page
	Video			
	Receipt			
	CI Report			
~	2620(c)			
	Order	Χ		
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: KT
	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 11/28/12
	UCCJEA			Updates:
	Citation			Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 3A - Parks
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- 1. Disbursement schedule shows payments bi-monthly of \$2,700 to Rana and Rana for rent. The court may require clarification regarding these rent payments and whether or not Rana and Rana has any relationship to the conservator. California Rules of Court 7.1059(a)(4) states the conservator must not engage his or her family members to provide services to the conservatee for a profit of fee when other alternatives are available. Where family members do provide services, their relationship must be fully disclosed to the court and their terms of engagement must be in the best interest of the conservatee compared with the terms available from other independent service providers. Declaration of Conservator filed on 11/30/11 states the rental property is owned by the conservator and her husband; however, the sub-market rent is not sufficient to pay the mortgage, property taxes, insurance, and maintenance costs for the property. Conservator states she and her husband do not make any profit from the conservatee's tenancy.
- 2. Disbursement schedule shows several months where it appears the conservatorship is paying the cell phone of the live in care provider Sandra Martin. Court may require clarification. –Declaration of Conservator filed on 11/30/11 states the cell phone payments for Sandra Martin, live in care provider, because the care provider would often take the conservatee to various places and therefore, it was required that the care provider have a cell phone. Because it was a requirement for this care provider, it was agreed that the conservatorship would pay the costs.
- 3. Disbursement schedule shows several months where there are two payments per month for Las Vegas Valley Water (utilities), Pesky Pete's Pest control, Embarq (phone), Cox Enterprises (cable service), Southwest Gas (utilities), Republic Service (trash), Nevada Power (utilities). It appears the conservatorship may be paying for more than just the conservatee's expenses. Court may require clarification. Declaration of Conservator filed on 11/30/11 states some payment were made, on behalf of the care providers, as part of the "barter" agreement between the care providers and the conservator. The various utilities or cable services expenses would be paid, on occasion, for the conservatee at her residence and on occasion as the "barter" for services by a care provider.
- 4. Disbursement schedule shows items purchased that should be included on the property on hand schedule such as:
 - a. 3/11/08 TV Surround + patio furniture for \$1,723.65
 - b. 4/22/08 Washer and dryer for \$1,578.90
 - c. 12/22/09 firmer sofa (?) for \$2,196.19 Declaration of Conservator filed on 11/30/11 states the purchases were necessary. (Note: The Examiner does not question whether not the purchases were necessary but that they are not listed on the property on hand schedule as required.).
- 5. Disbursement schedule shows gifts of cash on 12/28/09 to the conservatee's great nephews, Josh Rana \$250.00 and Jacob Rana \$200.00. California Rules of Court, Rule 7.1059(b)(3) states the conservator must refrain from making loans or gifts of estate property, except as authorized by the court after full disclosure. Declaration of Conservator filed on 11/30/11 states the cash gifts are minimal reflections of the conservatee's affection for her great nephews.

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- 6. Disbursement schedule shows payments identified as Summerlin Dues (without stating the nature and purpose of the payment) as follows:
 - 4/15/08 \$271.00
 - 4/15/08 \$271.00
 - 8/26/08 \$271.00
 - 8/26/08 \$271.00 Declaration of Conservator filed on 11/30/11 states Summerlin is the name of the large planned development where the Conservatee (and conservator and her husband) reside. Because of the lower rental payments Conservator states she has paid (quarterly) the Summerlin assessment for the rental house. The four assessment payments are the only ones paid and the conservatorship has not been further charged for these homeowner assessments.
- 7. Disbursement schedule shows a disbursement for "Home Warranty" in the amount of \$313.95 on 5/27/09. Court may require explanation as to why the conservatorship is paying for home warranty when renting (see item #2 above). Declaration of Conservator filed on 11/30/11 states this is a 50-50 split for payment on the home warranty for the rental house.
- 8. This conservatorship was established in 2003. Property on hand schedule from the 2nd account ending on 12/31/2007 shows promissory notes (all apparently established during the 2nd account period) as follows:
 - \$38,000 dated 6/27/05 from Aaron Wallace secured by a Deed of Trust with interest at 16% per annum
 - \$252,000.00 dated 7/19/05 from Aaron Wallace secured by a Deed of Trust with interest at 13% per annum.
 - \$60,000.00 dated 10/11/05 from John P. Rana and Kea Rana with interest at 4% per annum. (It appears that John P. Rana is the son of the petitioner.)

Probate Code §2570 requires the Conservator to obtain prior court approval before investing money of the estate. There is nothing in the file to indicate the conservator obtained permission from the Court to invest money of the estate. – Declaration of Conservator filed on 11/30/11 states the promissory notes contained in the 2nd account were paid current, principal and interest included. All the notes were first trust deeds secured by real properties with sufficient equities. However, because the notes were of such a high rate of return (16% and 13% interest annum), the mortgagor was in danger of being unable to make further payments, which would have resulted in the requirement of the conservatorship to foreclose on the properties. To avoid foreclosure and subsequent costs incurred, and to avoid owning the properties, the conservator, through her husband who is a real estate investor, replaced these notes with other notes also secured by first trust deeds which are now paying at a more normal rate of return of 4%.

- 9. Property on hand schedule for this (the 3rd) accounting shows two promissory notes as follows:
 - \$95,000 secured by 1209 Coral Isle Way, Las Vegas, NV with interest at 4% per annum and an outstanding balance of \$95,000.00
 - \$205,000 secured by 11464 Crimson Rock, Las Vegas, NV with interest at 4% per annum an outstanding balance of \$191,286.22.

It appears that the promissory notes in the second account are not the same promissory notes in the third account. What happened to the promissory notes in the second account? Where they paid in full? Need clarification and need change in asset schedule. – Declaration of Conservator filed on 11/30/11 states the questions raised herein are addressed in the answer above. All principal and interest payments and current interest rates and principal balances are recorded on the Third Account and Report are accurate.

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10. Need Order

Public Guardian's Objections to the Third Account and Report of Conservator and Petition for Fees was filed on 9/7/12. After reviewing the Account the Public Guardian objects as follow:

- 1. There are two utility bills paid every month within days of each other.
- 2. There is an extensive amount of supplies and food purchased for Ms. Parks and her care providers monthly.
- 3. Although Ms. Rana states that she uses the car (which is Ms. Parks' Jaguar) to transport her sister to outings, there is a van that is used to transport Ms. Parks. Why is the conservatee paying for two cars when she cannot drive?
- 4. There are many insurance payments made, but do not specify for why type of insurance. There are also large gaps as to when insurance payments are being made. They are not monthly or quarterly.
- 5. Two different pest control company bills are being paid.
- 6. There is a monthly cleaning bill. In the Public Guardian's experience, care providers do the cleaning while the person receiving the care is resting or not needing assistance. Furthermore, the cleaning company was coming twice a month, sometimes within 3 days of each other.
- 7. Charges were made to Charlotte Rouse clothing store, which caters to the 15 25 year old age group. The conservatee is older than 65.
- 8. Two monthly trash service bills are being paid each month.
- 9. In late 2008 there were two cable bills being paid each month.
- 10. There was \$4,460 paid for the installation of window fixtures on a home that the rents.

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- 11. There was insurance with different medical companies. What was paid for as a co-pay or deductible? On 2/5/08, she paid "Insurance, med pay" (\$1,079.14), 04/17/08 "Insurance" (\$1,132.00) but does not specify what insurance, listed Humana Health Insurance deductible (\$1,620.00 09/05/08), Health Net, Right Source Rx, and "A&A Insurance add on H.O. prem." (\$300.00) What is Medicare covering? Physical therapy should be covered under insurance if the doctor is prescribing it. Some insurance companies, whether primary or secondary to Medicare, should be picking up some of the expenses and visa-versa.
- 12. What is RC Wille Firmer So?? Purchased on 12/22/09?
- 13. Why were new lamps purchased on 12/22/09 for \$285.65?

Wherefore, the Public Guardian requests the Court deny Petitioner's third account as set forth.

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Second Supplemental Declaration of the former Conservator, Connie Rana filed on 10/3/12. Ms. Rana responds to the Public Guardian's Objections number 1-13 in sequence, as follows:

- 1. **Utilities** There are two utility bills paid because there is a similar "barter" paid for the Conservatee's in-home care givers. The amounts paid are an "offset" or "barter" for the caregivers in exchange for their services. There is no personal benefit of any of these payments for the Conservator. The amounts are quite modest and do not cause harm or threat to the estate.
- 2. Supplies and Food Some supplies and expenses are for the care providers, who are often there for 10 hours at a time and <u>require</u> meals. However, much of the expense is to buy the conservatee her adult diapers at \$50 per box, of which she wears at least 5 per day, plus other supplies such as lotions, shampoos, toothpaste, paper products as well as food.
- 3. Vehicle The conservatee has two vehicles (and has had these throughout the conservatorship). The van is necessary to transport the conservatee, as she is wheelchair bound. She also likes to drive in her other vehicle, a Jaguar, which is paid for. The cost of maintaining the two vehicles is minimal compared to the convenience it provides. The Conservatee as proud of her Jaguar (which was almost new when she had her stroke) and she enjoys being in it. The Conservator and her family have extensive vehicles of their own and do not use the Conservatee's vehicles.
- **4. Insurance** The only insurance that is paid for on behalf of the conservatee is for the vehicles and for her renter's insurance. This is generally paid on a semi-annual basis.
- **5. Pest Control** Besides the monthly bill for the conservatee's residence, a second bill is often paid for for an inhome care provider as a "barter." These payments are included in the general costs to care for the Conservatee and have been previously reviewed and approved by this court including, on the Second Account and Report, which was approved on 7/14/11.
- 6. House Cleaning The home is relatively large and has other persons (care providers) in it daily, in addition to the conservatee. Contrary to the Public Guardian's "experience" the care providers that Ms. Rana has hired do not do the cleaning and have not been hired to do so. All cleaning bills were for the benefit of the Conservatee.
- 7. Charlotte Rouse The Conservator is informed that Charlotte Rouse has stores other than the "15-25 year old group" and also for "larger" women like the Conservatee. The only purchases at Charlotte Rouse would have been the Conservatee's nightgowns.
- 8. and 9 Trash Services and Cable Bill These are the same "barter services" for care givers necessary to maintain 24 hour care for the Conservatee
- 10. Window Fixtures New windows were necessary in the home for the comfort of the Conservatee.
- 11. **Insurance** The only insurance available to the Conservatee, and of which she has been a member since she retired, is Humana Insurance. Humana is not part of the Medicare system; it is separate coverage and is excluded from Medicare.
- 12. **RC Willey** Is a furniture store where the Conservator purchased a new and firmer sofa for the conservatee.
- 13. **New Lamps** New lamps were necessary because the old ones in her bedroom broke.

The above expenditures are generally minimal and are necessary and convenient for the maintenance of the household and the care and comfort of the conservatee, who has been in Las Vegas for over 7 years and resides 24 hours per day in her residence.

3A (additional page 5 of 5) Darleen Joyce Parks (CONS/PE) Case No. 03CEPR01192

Ms. Rana states she has been appointed guardian of the person and estate of Darlene Parks in Clark County, Nevada. An Order for Emergency Release of Funds for Guardian to Pay Monthly Expenses from Blocked Accounts was filed on 8/15/12 in Clark County, Nevada. The order was prepared after Ms. Rana submitted a budge, through her attorney in Nevada, for funds to be removed from the blocked accounts for the care of the Conservatee. The budget was approved in the amount of \$8,460 per month. Ms. Rana states that she has approval from the Nevada Court, which now has jurisdiction over the person and estate of the conservatee of nearly the same expenses and budget that she has previously expended for the ongoing care of the conservatee.

Memorandum Re Third Account and Report of Conservatee filed by Connie Rana on 10/3/12. States she was appointed as conservator in 2003 because it was determined that Darlene [conservatee] was incapable of caring for herself or her financial matters as a result of a stroke. This condition has remained unchanged for nearly 9 years and Darlene receives the same 24 hour a day care she has had since her stroke. This court granted Ms. Rana's petition to move the Darlene to Nevada on 3/16/2005. Darlene has resided primarily in Nevada since that time. The Third Account has been submitted and is pending approval by this court subject to various questions by the probate examiners, the court and now the Public Guardian.

Petitioner contends that since the court granted permission for the conservatee to move to Nevada and a new proceeding is in effect in Nevada, California courts have no jurisdiction to order the "return" of the Conservatee to this state or to cancel the previous order by which the Conservatee was removed to Nevada. The Court's jurisdiction is now limited to Probate Code §2630. Without fully addressing this jurisdictional issue, there are no substantive reasons for this court <u>not</u> to approve the current Third Account and Report.

From review of the Probate Examiner's notes, and the Court's various comments, the primary concerns are that the Conservator failed to disclose, or failed to receive prior approval of certain transactions which may have been considered "self-dealing" by the court. These matters have been fully explained, and justified in the "Supplemental Declaration and Report of the Conservator." Primarily there has been no showing of harm or loss to the estate of the Conservatee. In fact, as the Third Account and Report shows, the investments provided higher than market value returns.

The Court and the examiners have had more than ample opportunity to review the "transactions" that they may have considered questionable. The fact that the examiners may have decided to "over analyze" every transaction, and point out to the court such *di minimis* maters as the payment of a caregiver's cell phone bill or gifts to the conservatee's great nephews does not create a breach of fiduciary duty.

Upon request by this court, the Public Guardian's office filed objections to the Third Account. The objections have been addressed by Ms. Rana in her Second Supplemental Declaration.

Under the above circumstances and law in this area, the Court is well within its authority in reviewing all transactions and actions by the conservator to approve such transactions which may have required prior court approval, as well as final approval of the Third Account. It should be noted that Ms. Rana is the conservatee's only sibling and closest relative. She has devoted herself for over 9 years to the care of her sister without compensation. She has provided 24 hour, 7 days a week care of her sister with the specific intent not to transfer her to a skilled nursing facility and has expended personal time and effort, well beyond that of any normal conservator's obligation, for her sister. If it is the position of the examiners and this court that, for example, the Conservatee should not be in a quality home owned by the conservator but should, instead, perhaps live next door in a house owned by some other person and pay the same or more rent, it would be the triumph of "procedure" over "substance" and would not provide any greater care or comfort to the conservatee.

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Atty Shahbazian, Steven L. (for Petitioner/Conservator Connie Lynn Rana)

Atty Kruthers, Heather (for the Public Guardian/current conservator of the estate)

(1) Fourth and Final Account and Report of Conservator and (2) Petition for Fees

3. Disbursement schedule includes payments to Costco for groceries and supplies that appear to be excessive. Court may require more information.

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3/1/10 - $324.65
3/1/10 - $102.81 (why 2 separate charges on the same day totaling $427.46?)
4/5/10 - $104.58
4/5/10 - $47.84 (why 2 separate charges on the same day totaling $152.42?)
5/3/10 - $201.06
5/3/10 - $152.54 (why 2 separate charges on the same day totaling $353.60?)
1/3/11 - $274.11
1/3/11 - $281.66
1/3/11 - $168.30 (why 3 separate charges on the same day totaling $724.07?)
7/5/11 - $184.46
7/5/11 – $301.66
7/5/11 - $77.16 (why 3 separate charges on the same day totaling $563.28?)
9/8/11 - $440.69
9/8/11 - $125.21
9/8/11 - $247.72 (why 3 separate charges on the same day totaling $813.62?)
10/3/11 - $254.45
10/3/11 - $378.23 (why 2 separate charges on the same day totaling $632.68?)
11/2/11 - $314.36
11/2/11 - $47.68
11/2/11 - $279.77 (why 3 separate charges on the same day totaling $641.81?)
12/5/11 - $106.68
12/5/11 - $343.25
12/5/12 - $12.46 (why 3 separate charges on the same day totaling $426.39?)
1/3/12 - $292.40
1/3/12 - $48.33
1/3/12 – $178.34 (why 3 separate charges on the same day totaling $519.07?)
2/6/12 - $158.21
2/6/12 - $51.56
2/6/12 - $139.24
2/6/12 - $235.01 (why 4 separate charges on the same day Totaling $584.02?)
4/3/12 - $208.57
4/3/12 - $206.63
4/3/12 - $663.97 (why 3 separate charges on the same day totaling $1,079.14?)
5/4/12 - $657.89
5/4/12 – $449.51 (why 2 separate charges on the same day totaling $1,107.40?)
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- 4. Disbursement schedule shows a payment of \$300.00 to Republic Trash on 9/12/11. This amount is much larger than the other payments to Republic Trash. Court may require clarification.
- 5. Disbursement includes entries that may require additional information.
 - 5/7/10 to Connie Rana for reimbursement for groceries in the amount of \$405.00.
 - 11/30/10 to Connie credit card on for Ft. Dr. Diapers in the amount of \$756.01.
 - 12/28/10 to Connie reimbursement expenses in the amount of \$301.60
 - 1/20/11 Home Health care cash paid out in the amount of \$500.00.
 - 1/25/11 Check cash and re-deposited in the amount of \$350.00
 - 2/17/11 Home care help cash paid out in the amount of \$400.00
 - 4/13/11 Connie groceries card for Sandy in the amount of \$250.00
 - 3/29/11 Sandra Martin reimburse grocery and cards in the amount of \$372.40
 - 3/17/11 Home warranty on appliances in the amount of \$396.13 Conservatee is a renter why would she be paying for the home warranty on appliances?
 - 8/23/11 Rano Final Accounting in the amount of \$1,234.00
 - 8/29/11 Furniture for vacant room in the amount of \$2,700.00. Why is a vacant room being furnished
 and why is this furniture not listed on the property on hand schedule as an asset of the conservatorship?
 - 8/30/11 Bedroom Chair to replace vacant in the amount of \$1,102.64. Why is this chair not listed on the property on hand schedule as an asset of the conservatorship?
 - 8/30/11 Sandra Martin severance pay in the amount of \$5,000.00
 - 8/31/11
 - RC Willey sofa \$56.85
 - RC Willey Chair \$102.75
 - RC Willey New home person care \$373.98
 - RC Willey reimbursement for furniture \$1,180.45, again, why is this property not listed on the property on hand schedule as an asset of the conservatorship?
 - 9/6/11 Marshalls Firmer sofa \$165.31
 - 9/6/11 RC Willey Sofa TV Chair \$373.98. Why is this property not listed on the property on hand schedule
 as an asset of the conservatorship?
 - 4/23/12 Walmart fans reimbursements \$401.00

6. Petition indicates the conservator is waiving her fees however the disbursement schedule appears to indicate the conservator has been paying herself a monthly salary without court order.

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1/15/10 – Reimb Connie for sheets, rx, gas - $500.00

4/19/10 - auto fuel reimbursement - $400.00.

10/20/10 – reimburse for cas/oil/time & transport - $500.00

12/20/11 - Dec Mgt fee/shopping/home care/gas/bills etc - $500.00

1/25/12 – Transport/gas/home care/apt - $500.00

2/28/12 – Transport/gas/shopping/home care/appts - $500.00

3/30/12 – Transport/gas/shopping/home care/appts - $500.00

4/30/12 – Transport/gas/shopping/home care/appts - $500.00

5/29/12 – Transport/gas/shopping/home care/appts - $500.00
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Objections of the Public Guardian filed on 11/20/12 states the Public Guardian has reviewed the fourth and final account and has the following concerns:

- 1. Because of the lack of description, it is not possible to ascertain if the value given for the cars is accurate.
- 2. Furniture purchased on 8/29/11 for a vacant room. It does not seem that this expense should be borne by the conservatorship estate.
- 3. On 8/30/11, there was a severance payment made to one of the care providers in the amount of \$5,000.00. The Public Guardian has never paid severance to their care provider, nor has any care provider ever asked for one.

This is a case that was referred to the Public Guardian after the conservatee had already moved to Nevada. The Public Guardian's objections are based mostly on their regular practices and understanding of appropriate expenses. If the court determines that a surcharge is appropriate, the Public Guardian notes that she will seek fees for her and her attorney for the services they have provided to the Court in this matter.

Atty

Kruthers, Heather H. (for Public Administrator)

(1) First and Final Account and Report of Special Administrator and (2) Petition for Allowance of Ordinary and Extraordinary Commissions and Fees and (3) for Distribution

DO	D: 1-1-2000	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, Special Administrator, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
		Petitioner.	1. Two hairs David Balin and Anthony
			Two heirs, David Polin and Anthony Polin, Sr., filed Assignments of Interest
		Account period:	for a portion of their shares (\$1,000.00
Col	nt. from 081612,	3-27-12 through 6-6-12	each) to "Ken <u>and Albeza</u> Kemmerrer." This Amendment only
	012, 102512	Accounting: \$50,100.00	refers to David Polin's assignment,
 	Aff.Sub.Wit.	Beginning POH: \$45,000.00	and only assigns to Ken Kemmerrer,
_	Verified	Ending POH: \$45,963.69 (cash)	without Albeza. Need clarification.
×	Inventory	4 10,700.07 (000.17)	
~	PTC	Public Administrator (Statutory): \$2,004.00	
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	Not.Cred.	Public Administrator (Extraordinary): \$1,248.00 (for	
>	Notice of Hrg	sale of real property per Local rule and	
>	Aff.Mail w	preparation of tax returns (1 Deputy hour @ \$96/hr and 2 Staff hours @ \$76/hr)	
	Aff.Pub.	\$76/11	
	Sp.Ntc.	Attorney (Statutory): \$2,004,00	
	Pers.Serv.	(to be split between County Counsel and Barrus	
	Conf. Screen	and Roberts \$1,002.00 each)	
	Letters		
	Duties/Supp	Attorney Barrus and Roberts (Extraordinary):	
	Objections	\$3,800.00 (itemized)	
	Video	Bond fee: \$31.31 (ok)	
	Receipt	Bolid lee. \$51.51 (OK)	
	CI Report	Costs: \$446.00 (filing, certified copies)	
>	9202		
>	Order	Costs: (Barrus and Roberts): \$97.00	
	Aff. Posting		Reviewed by: skc
	Status Rpt	Costs: (Ed Winchester): \$650.00	Reviewed on: 11-27-12
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	Citation	 Distribution pursuant to intestate succession and Assignments filed 10-22-07: 	Recommendation:
>	FTB Notice	Assignments filed 10-22-07.	File 4 - Polin
		Arthur Polin, Jr.: \$5,947.23	
		Anthony Polin, Sr.: \$5,947.23	
		Ken Kemmerrer: \$1,000.00	
		David G. Polin: \$5,947.23	
		Beatrice Valdez: \$5,947.23	
		Josephine Bourbon: \$5,947.23	
		Anthony Aldama: \$5,947.23	

Atty Curry, Thomas M. (of Merced, for Elaine Cory, Beneficiary, Petitioner)

Atty Pape, Jeffrey B. (for Bruce D. Bickel, Trustee)

Atty Wright, Janet L.

Petition of Elaine Cory for Settlement of Accounting and Report of Bruce Bickel Dated and Served August 21, 2009 and Objections Thereto, and for Order Compelling Former Trustee James Wagner to Account for Period from April 1, 2007 Through January 31, 2008

Louie Friguglietti DOD: 5-11-06			ELAINE CORY, Beneficiary of the LOUIE FRIGUGLIETTI TRUST dated 9-30-05 and amended 10-4-05 and	NE	EDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			10-11-05, is Petitioner.	1.	Need clarification: Petitioner requests that the Court review and
			Petitioner states the decedent's attorney James F. Wagner was the original trustee and Bruce Bickel is		settle an informal accounting that
Cor	nt. from 110112		acting as trustee currently. The former trustee		was provided by the trustee to
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		provided his "First Account and Report" for the		Petitioner informally by fax in 2009. The Court may require authority for
>	Verified		period 9-30-05 through 3-31-07. He subsequently		such request.
	Inventory		resigned as trustee and this Court appointed Bruce		·
	PTC		Bickel as the successor trustee.		Examiner notes that the document
	Not.Cred.				attached is not the accounting format required by Probate Code
	Notice of Hrg	Χ	Bruce Bickel assumed the office of trustee after his appointment by the Court once the bond was		§1060 (containing summary, etc.),
	Aff.Mail	Χ	issued on or about 2-8-08, and provided an		and is not a verified document or
	Aff.Pub.		informal report and accounting by memorandum		petition by the trustee for
	Sp.Ntc.		on 8-21-09, which covered the period from 2-1-08		approval.
	Pers.Serv.		to 8-15-09 (attached).	2.	Need Notice of Hearing.
	Conf. Screen				_
	Letters		James Wagner did not provide an accounting	3.	Need proof of service of Notice of
	Duties/Supp		from <u>4-1-07 through 1-31-08</u> .		Hearing at least 30 days prior to the hearing pursuant to Probate
	Objections		In order to determine what receipts and		Code §17203 on:
	Video		expenditures during that time period were related		- Colleen Toscano
	Receipt		to the specific gift to Petitioner in accordance with		- Bruce Bickel (Trustee)
	CI Report		this Court's previous order construing the terms of		- James Wagner (Former Trustee)
	9202		the trust, it is necessary that an itemized accounting	4.	Need proof of service of Notice of
	Order	Χ	with receipts and disbursements identified and		Hearing at least 30 days prior to
			described be provided to the Court, to the current		the hearing on the trustee's bond
			trustee, and to the beneficiaries by James Wagner.		due to the request for removal and surcharge of the trustee.
			Petitioner requests the Court review and settle the		and solcininge of the hostee.
	Aff. Posting		informal report and accounting by Bruce Bickel	Re	viewed by: skc
	Status Rpt		(Exhibit A) and review the acts of the trustee.	Rev	viewed on: 11-28-12
	UCCJEA				dates:
	Citation		Petitioner also objects to the following portions of	_	commendation:
	FTB Notice		the accounting and requests the Court order the	File	5 - Friguglietti
			trustee to provide more detailed information as set forth herein or correct his accounting as between		
			the beneficiaries of the trust, and for other remedies		
			prayed for hereinafter.		
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Petitioner specifically objects to the following items in Bruce Bickel's accounting:

- \$1,000.00 for riding lawnmower on 4-3-08 Petitioner states the property that it was purchased for is a regular city lot with a front yard of approx. 10x30 with no lawn in the back yard, having all fruit trees and grapevines in the back. In addition, \$275.00 paid to Bernie Mesa on 4-23-09 to disc the weeds, \$1,035.00 paid to City of Los Banos for weed abatement, and \$274.00 for weedeater on 8-12-09. Petitioner states the caretaker received payments of approx. \$7,102.60, but did not provide mowing or weeding services. Petitioner is informed and believes there was an operating Ford tractor and disc on the property that were trust assets and should have been used for this maintenance.
- Expenditures of \$800.00 paid to American Express by check #1035 on 7-30-08 are not explained in this report, and absent adequate explanation, should not be approvedand the trustee should not be credited with that expenditure.
- Disbursements totaling \$610.11 for telephone bills at a vacant building are objected to as shown on Page 3 of the category detail report.
- Utility expenditures paid to PG&E shown on pages 3 and 4 of the category detail report ranging from \$342-\$572
 per month for a vacant building are objected to as unreasonably high and beyond the possible need for
 keeping utility service in place.
- Expenditures to City of Los Banos for water bills ranging from \$69.05 to \$425.55 are objected to as unreasonably high and not related to trust business for a vacant building when the minimum water and garbage was only \$58.11 at the time.
- Expenditures for bond premium as being unnecessarily high because the bond was retained in an amount higher than was required by the Court, which reduced the bond amount to \$2.9 million on 4-18-08. The premium of \$10,500.00 paid 3-30-08 and again on 2-11-09 reflects that the bond amount must not have been reduced pursuant to the Court's order, and the trustee should be surcharged for payments for the excessive bond.
- \$2,279.00 paid to Allied Insurance on 8-26-08 as unreasonably high, as only general liability insurance was needed by the trust on the 28 acres on Overland Road as there are no structures on the Overland Road property and premium should only have been about \$600.00 for general liability, of which only half should have been paid by the trust as co-tenant. Further, the farm tenant should have the trust listed as an additional insured on his own farm general liability policy, which should have reduced or eliminated the need for this expenditure.
- Petitioner objects to the 7-31-08 property tax bill for farm equipment because the farm equipment was no
 longer in existence and had been sold prior to this time, and according to the caretaker, Petitioner is informed
 and believes that the only farm equipment remaining at the time was one small Ford tractor (1950 model) and
 a disc.
- Petitioner objects to payment of property taxes for parcel 082-050-066 which are strictly for the 10 acres with structures on which beneficiary has no interest in.
- \$12,835.42 for APN 081-110-007 because this payment is for 100% interest in the whole 28 acres and only ½ of the property taxes should have been paid by the trustee out of trust assets, as the other ½ was owned by Colleen Toscano as an individual.

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- Petitioner objects to the Trustee's fees and requests that the Court order that the trustee inform the Court how
 these fees were calculated and provide an itemized statement of time spent and description of task by the
 trustee rather than the non-descriptive line item shown at pages 5 and 6 of the category detail report.
- It appears to Petitioner from the memorandum that the trustee had not viewed the property at the time of preparation of the accounting and did not know what items belonged to the trust at that time.
- Petitioner objects that the report shows no option payment receipts. If no option payments or extension
 payments were made when due, then the trustee breached his duty to use reasonable care in management
 by failing to list the Overland property for sale, thereby unnecessarily permitting the property specifically devised
 to Petitioner to depreciate during a declining real estate market.
- Petitioner objects that the report does not show that the trustee filed any fiduciary income tax return from May 07-08, 08-09, or any other accounting period if the tax filing period was changed by the trustee.
- Petitioner alleges that the trustee has breached his duty to use reasonable care, skill and caution in protection
 and management of the trust estate by the foregoing expenditures and actions, and that he has breached his
 duty of impartiality between trust beneficiaries by charging expenditures to the trust which are for the benefit of
 Colleen Toscano as an individual co-tenant and by charging expenditures which are solely to benefit trust
 assets which would pass to Colleen Toscano as part of the residue and charging them against Petitioner's
 share, who is a specific devisee of the Overland Road property.
- Petitioner alleges that the trustee has breached his duty to act with impartiality between the beneficiaries by
 actively participating in the litigation of Petitioner's petition to construe the trust on the side of Colleen Toscano,
 which was solely for the benefit of Colleen Toscano, because regardless of how the Court ruled in the hearing
 on that petition, the result would have had absolutely no effect on the overall trust corpus and estate, and
 therefore, his active engagement was solely on behalf of and for the benefit of beneficiary Colleen Toscano
 and was hostile to and against the interest of Petitioner as beneficiary.

Petitioner prays for an order that:

- 1. The trustee be required to supplement and explain his informal report and accounting in the particulars set forth herein above;
- 2. The Court disallow the credits which the trustee claims to be entitled to regarding the disbursements and expenditures objected to herein and that the trustee's fees be surcharged therefor;
- 3. The trustee file with the Court the itemized statement of time spent with specific description of services rendered for the trustee's fees as shown on the accounting provided to Petitioner, and that the Court disallow all or any portion of said fees that are not shown to be reasonable and for the benefit of the entire trust estate, and that no part of the fees be charged against Petitioner's share except those which are specifically and directly related to the Overland Road property which is the specific devise to Petitioner;
- 4. The trustee be ordered to reduce the bond amount to comply with the Court's order of 4-19-08 if he has not already done so;
- 5. The trustee be removed for the reason of his breaches of trust as alleged herein above;
- 6. The former trustee James Wagner prepare and file an accounting for his actions as trustee from 4-1-07 through 1-31-08; and
- 7. For such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.

Atty Dankbar, Kelly E. (of Sacramento, for Petitioner Marleen Merchant)

Atty Pellegrini, Lillian (Pro Per – Respondent)

Petition (1) For Removal of Trustee and For Appointment of Successor Trustee;
(2) For Suspension of Powers of Trustee and For Appointment of Temporary Trustee;
(3) To Compel Trustee to Account to Beneficiaries; and (4) To Compel Trustee to
Redress Breach of Trust [Prob. C. 15642(b)(1), 15642(e); 16420, 17200(b)(10), 17200(b)(12)]

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Atty Pellegrini, Lillian (Pro Per – Respondent)

Motion to Dismiss Petition for Removal of Trustee and for Appointment of Successor Trustee for Suspension of Powers of Trustee and for Appointment of Temporary Trustee, to Compel Trustee to Account to Beneficiaries, to Compel Trustee to Redress Breach of Trust (Prob. C.15800, 15642(e), 16420, 17200(b)(10)

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Atty Dankbar, Kelly E. (of Sacramento, for Petitioner Marleen Merchant) Atty

Pellegrini, Lillian (Pro Per – Respondent)

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Matlak, Steven M. (for Petitioner/Trustee Steven Willey)

Petition for Settlement of First Account Current and Report of Trustee, Approval of Attorney's Fees and Costs, Approving Reduction of Bond and Waiving Future Accountings [Prob. C. 2628(a), 3600, et seq., Cal. Rules of Ct. Rule 7.903(c)]

Ag	e: 14 years	STEVEN WILLEY, father/Trustee, is petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
		Account period: 6/27/11 – 5/31/12	Continued from 10/25/12. Minute
		Accounting - \$53,942.25	Order states counsel advises the court
Ļ		Accounting - \$53,942.25 Beginning POH - \$53,317.25	that he has attempted to contact his client as there are still some questions
Со	nt. from 102512	= Ending POH - \$ 6,565.67	he has no answers. Counsel directed
	Aff.Sub.Wit.	Current bond : \$60,317.25	to submit an additional declaration. As
✓	Verified	Trustee - Not	of 11/27/12 the following issues remain:
	Inventory	addressed	1. The order approving the
	PTC		establishment of this special needs
	Not.Cred.	Attorney - \$3,876.00	trust allowed reimbursement to the attorney of a filing fee in the
✓	Notice of Hrg	(5.40 hours attorney time @ \$195 - \$335 per hour and 17.0 hours paralegal time at \$125 -	amount of \$395.00 upon review, it
✓	Aff.Mail W/	\$130 per hour and 2 hours of attorney time	has been discovered that the filing
	Aff.Pub.	@ \$335/hr in anticipated time.)	fee charged was \$200.00 and not \$395.00. It appears that the
	Sp.Ntc.	Costs - \$435.00 (see	attorney should reimburse the trust
	Pers.Serv.	note #2)	\$195.00 for the difference in the
	Conf. Screen		amount approved for
	Letters	Petitioner requests bond be reduced to	reimbursement and the amount actually paid.
	Duties/Supp	\$7,222.24/	This petition also request
	Objections	Petitioner requests that pursuant to Probate	reimbursement of costs (filing fee) in
	Video	Code §2628(a) future accountings be	the amount of \$435.00. The actual
	Receipt	waived.	filing fee paid was \$200.00.
	CI Report	Petitioner prays for an Order that:	3. Petition states that the Petitioner has not hired any person who has a
✓	2620	Tollier of prayer or all order mail	family or affiliate relationship with
1	Order	 The first account of trustee be settled, 	the Petitioner however the invoices
		allowed and approved as filed, and all	for remodel work done on the
		the acts and transactions of Petitioner	home is by K Steven Willey. The
		be ratified approved and confirmed;2. Petitioner be authorized to pay attorney	court may require clarification.
		fees totaling \$4,176.00 and \$435.00 in	Please see additional page
	Aff. Posting	costs;	Reviewed by: KT
	Status Rpt	3. Bond for Steven Willey be reduced to	Reviewed on: 11/27/12
	UCCJEA	\$7,222.24; 4. Petitioner need not present future	Updates:
	Citation	 4. Petitioner need not present tuture accountings as long as the estate 	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice	continues to meet the requirements of	File 7 - Willey
		Probate Code §2628.	

Note: Petition states Petitioner made personal loans to himself of Trust funds in the total amount of \$11,538.61 with interest at 2% per annum. Petition states the Petitioner did not consult with his attorney before taking the loans. Petitioner has made three payments on the loan and offset portions of the loans for additional expenses incurred to renovate the house and to install the swing equipment for Michael in the back yard. The final payment on the loans was made by the Petitioner on 6/21/12, after the account period. Based on the payment on 6/21/12 the loans have been paid in full.

NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS (confinued):

- 4. Petition states that at the hearing approving the Special Needs Trust, the notes of Steven Matlak, Counsel for Petitioner, reflect that he discussed Petitioner's plan to modify his home for the benefit of Michael Willey. Mr. Matlak's notes further reflect Judge Robert H. Oliver stated at the hearing that no further court approval was needed for modifications to the house that fit within the meaning of "special needs." Not all the work done on the home appears to be for the "special needs" of the beneficiary, such as the new roof, skylights, attic fan, bath fan and rain gutters. Those items appear to be for the benefit of the family and not the "special needs" of the beneficiary.
- 5. There are several disbursements for renovations of the home. Several of the disbursements show a total amount and another amount for "Mike's Portion". It is unclear how Mike's portion is determined sometimes it is 1/7 and other times it is much more. The court may require clarification.
- 6. On 7/22/11 there is a disbursement to Lumber Liquidators for removal of existing carpet in bedroom, hallway and entry to replace with wood flooring allowing easier wheelchair access. Then on 10/31/11 there is another disbursement for tile work in entry, hallway, bathroom and den. Why are there charges for both wood flooring and tile in the hallway and entry?
- 7. On 7/22/11 there is a disbursement to Lumber Liquidators for removal of existing carpet in bedroom, hallway and entry to replace with wood flooring allowing easier wheelchair access. Then on 10/31/11 there is another disbursement for tile work in entry, hallway, bathroom and den. There is also an invoice from K. Steven Willey dated 9/20/11 that is for labor to remove old wood flooring in entry area and hallway. Labor to install wood flooring in Mike's bedroom, Labor to demo hallway, entry and living area. Labor to prepare hallway, entry area and living room for new tile and the purchase of 2 nail guns to install subflooring and wood floors. There are charges for both wood flooring and tile flooring for the same areas from several different vendors. Court may require clarification. Who installed the wood flooring? Who installed the tile flooring? What area was tile and what area was wood flooring?

Nahigian, Eliot S. (for George B. Feist – Executor/Petitioner)

(1) Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account and (2) for Allowance of Compensation to Attorneys for Ordinary Services [Prob. C. 10954, 11640, 10810; C.R.C. 7.550, 7.553]

C.R.C. /.550, /.553j				
DOD: 12/02/10	GEORGE B. FEIST, Executor, is Petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:		
	Accounting is waived.	Examiner calculates the amount to be distributed to each beneficiary as		
Cont. from Aff.Sub.Wit. ✓ Verified	I & A - \$260,992.03 POH - \$360,177.03 (\$360,128.98 is cash)	\$114,987.88. Need revised Order. Note: If counsel would prefer, the submitted Order may be interlineated to reflect the		
✓ Inventory ✓ PTC	Executor - Not addressed	correct distribution amount.		
✓ Not.Cred.	Attorney - \$10,154.32 (statutory)			
✓ Notice of Hrg ✓ Aff.Mail W/	Costs - \$254.60 (for filing fees,			
Aff.Pub.	publication, probate referee less previously			
Sp.Ntc.	paid reimbursement)			
Pers.Serv.	Closing- \$4,756.40 plus 5 shares of			
Conf. Screen	Imation stock			
Letters 03/09/12	inidion slock			
Duties/Supp	Distribution, pursuant to decedent's Will, is			
Objections	to:			
Video Receipt	Michael T. Feist- \$114,998.22			
CI Report	George B. Feist - \$114,998.22			
√ 9202	Katherine I. Arroyo - \$114,998.22			
✓ Order				
Aff. Posting		Reviewed by: JF		
Status Rpt		Reviewed on: 11/26/12		
UCCJEA		Updates:		
Citation		Recommendation:		
✓ FTB Notice		File 8 - Feist		

9 The LaBree Family Trust 12/20/91 (Trust)

Case No. 12CEPR00628

- Atty Dowling, Michael; Burnside, Leigh; Matlak, Steven; of Dowling Aaron (for Petitioner Barbara L. Pearson, Successor Trustee)
- Atty Werner, David D., Field, Stefanie; of Gresham Savage Nolan & Tilden, Riverside (for Objector Tracy Spreier, Beneficiary)

Petition for Settlement of First Account and Report of Trustee of the LaBree Family Trust; and Approval of Trustee Fees [Cal. Prob. C. 1064(a), 17200, 17200(b)(5), CRC., Rule 7.902]

CKC., KUIE 7.9U2]							
Frank DOD: 8/15/2006			BARBARA L. PEARSON, Trustors' daughter, Trust Beneficiary	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/			
Roberta DOD: 3/25/2012			and Successor Trustee of the LABREE FAMILY TRUST, is	COMMENTS:			
			Petitioner.				
			A	Note: Related LaBree			
Cont. from			Account period: 3/25/2011 - 2/29/2012	Trust matters are as			
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Accounting - \$1,735,662.68	follows:			
			Beginning POH - \$1,627,499.40	Page 9 – The LaBree Formality Transfers			
Ľ	Verified		Ending POH - \$1,563,236.09	Family Trust as			
	Inventory		(\$1,899,065.77 is cash; cash balance exceeds ending	amended and			
	PTC		property on hand balance due to negative \$518,182.00	restated 12/20/1991.			
	Not.Cred.		amount held in constructive trust by Trustee for the benefit of	 Page 11 – Frank H. Labree Exemption 			
√	Notice of Hrg		the Frank H. LaBree Exemption Trust.)	Trust.			
√	Aff.Mail	W		 Page 12 – Frank H. 			
	7.III./VIGII	/	Trustee - \$25,066.50	Labree Irrevocable			
	Aff.Pub.		(per Declaration filed 11/14/2012 containing itemization for	Trust.			
	Sp.Ntc.		294.90 hours @ \$85.00/hour. NOTE: Trustee has previously been	Page 13 – The			
	Pers.Serv.		paid compensation of \$14,302.50 (not itemized) from the Trust	LaBree Irrevocable			
	Conf. Screen		for this account period without court order per Trust terms entitling Trustee to reasonable compensation for services	Tr∪st.			
	Letters		rendered as Trustee;)	1 No. 1			
	Duties/Supp		,	 Need proposed order. 			
	Objections		Attorney - \$53,312.30 (paid)	order.			
	Video		(to Dowling Aaron & Keeler/Dowling Aaron, as listed in				
	Receipt		Disbursements schedule; not itemized other than for legal				
	CI Report		fees)				
	9202		A 40700 (: II				
	Order	Χ	Accountant - \$1,405.00 (paid) (to Erickson & Assoc., CPAs, as itemized in Disbursements				
	Aff. Posting	/\	schedule; Petitioner is employed by Erickson & Assoc.)	Reviewed by: LEG			
	Status Rpt		seriodolo, i elillorio is erriployed by Elicidori & / table.)	Reviewed by: LLC Reviewed on: 11/28/12			
	UCCJEA		Petitioner states:	Updates:			
	Citation		ROBERTA LABREE and FRANK H. LABREE, Jr., created the	Recommendation:			
			LABREE FAMILY TRUST on 4/13/1981, as amended on				
	FTB Notice		5/2/1984, and as amended in full on 12/20/1991, and	File 9 - LaBree			
			were the original co-trustees until Frank's death on				
			8/15/2006, when Roberta became the sole Trustee, and				
			the Trust served as the Survivor's Trust for Roberta;				
			~Please see additional page~				

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Petitioner states, continued:

- Upon Roberta's death on 3/25/2012, Petitioner Barbara L. Pearson became and is currently the Successor Trustee; (copy of Second Amendment to Declaration of Trust attached as Exhibit A);
- Pursuant to probate Code § 17200, the Trustee is requesting Court review of the first account and of the acts of the Trustee, and submits her first account and report of administration of the Trust for settlement and allowance;
- During the period of administration of this account, Petitioner discovered excess income distributions totaling \$60,756.82 were made in 2008, 2009 and 2010 to Roberta LaBree by the FRANK H. LEBREE EXEMPTION TRUST, of which Roberta was the sole beneficiary during her lifetime; this amount was paid to the LaBree Family Trust; at Roberta's death, income owed to her from the Exemption Trust for 2011 was \$3,427.00, which when applied to the 2011 amount owed for excess distributions leaves a balance owing of \$57,329.82; (please refer to Schedule J of the account); the full amount owed by the Family Trust of \$57,329.82 has been paid to the Exemption Trust and will be reflected in the next account;
- During the period of administration of this account, Petitioner discovered the Family Trust had underfunded the
 Exemption Trust by \$500,000.00, which accrued interest of \$18,182.00, and the full amount of \$518,182.00 has
 been paid to the Exemption Trust and will be reflected in the next account.

Petitioner prays for an Order:

- 1. Settling and allowing the First Account and Report of the Trustee, and ratifying, confirming and approving all acts and transactions of the Petitioner as Trustee;
- 2. Ratifying and approving the Trustee's fees of \$14,302.50 already paid from the Trust;
- 3. Authorizing payment of \$25,066.50 to the Trustee for services rendered through 2/29/2012; and
- 4. Ratifying and approving the Attorney's fees of \$53,312.30 already paid from the Trust.

Objections to Petition for Settlement of First Account and Report of Trustee of the LaBree Family Trust; and Approval of Trustees Fees; Request for Attorneys' Fees Pursuant to Probate Code § 17211(b) filed 11/16/2012 by TRACY SPREIER, Trustors' daughter and Trust Beneficiary, states she objects to the account filed by Barbara Person on the following arounds:

- Accounting includes an incredibly inflated and false appraisal for a faux diamond ring that was not a part of the family trust during a time of the account period:
 - In December 2010, Trustor Roberta gifted a ring to Objector; when Roberta died on 3/25/2011, the gift of the ring had already been made at least three months before; accordingly, the ring was not a part of the Family Trust's assets on 3/25/2011, Roberta's date of death; 3/25/2011 is also the beginning date for the First Account;
 - The First Account states the value of the ring as of 3/25/2011 was **\$26,000.00**, shown on [Schedule G, Distributions in an entry dated 3/25/2011] for a distribution to Tracy Spreier of a diamond ring; this statement is false (contrary to Trustee's verification of the accounting), as the ring had already been given to the Objector as a gift by her mother;
 - As the entry pertaining to the ring is incorrect, the corresponding entry regarding the Trust's ownership of a diamond ring and other jewelry worth a total of \$35,216.00 is also false;

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Tracy Spreier's Objections to Petition for Settlement of First Account, continued:

Accounting includes an incredibly inflated and false appraisal for a faux diamond ring, continued:

- Successor Trustee also materially misrepresents the value of the ring that was gifted to Objector by her mother in December 2010; accounting makes reference to an appraisal obtained for a ring and include an entry of \$100.00 paid to have ring appraised, and Objector asserts that the ring appraised, if any ring was actually appraised, is not the same ring given to her by her mother in December 2010 which Successor Trustee alleges was distributed to Objector on 3/25/2011; the reason for this is that Objector has been in possession of the ring ever since her mother gave it to her in December 2010, thus to the extent that any appraisal was prepared at Successor Trustee's request, the appraisal was either a totally fictitious appraisal or was based upon a ring other than the one give to Objector by her mother;
- Objector took the ring her mother had given to her in December 2010 to a Certified Gemologist
 Appraiser to obtain a professional appraisal of the ring's value, and the appraiser's conclusion is that the
 stones in the ring are cubic zirconium set in a sterling silver cast and die-struck ring with a value of \$60.00
 (please refer to copy of appraisal attached as Exhibit A);
- Objector believes that TARA AHEARNE, who was paid \$100.00 by Successor Trustee to state that the value of the ring given to Objector by her mother was worth \$26,000.00, is a friend of Successor Trustee's daughter; it can only be inferred that her appraisal was based solely on whatever was told to her by the Successor Trustee, as the appraisal could not have been based on an actual inspection of the ring in order to determine its attributes or value, as Objector was never asked to produce the ring for any inspection or appraisal, and never did so; no communication was ever made by the Successor Trustee to the Objector at any time about the ring;
- Because the ring appraisal obtained by the Successor Trustee was false and deceitful, she should be ordered to reimburse the Family Trust the \$100.00 cost of the appraisal.
- The Trustee paid for an appraisal of real property not owned by the Trust:
 - o Schedule E, Disbursements shoes an entry for an appraisal by **DIANA A. GARDA** of \$1,077.00 for an appraisal of the South El Monte property; the real property owned by the Trust listed on Schedule A Property on Hand [at beginning of account period] shows only real property owned by Family Trust is Trustor's home in Bullhead Arizona and two timeshare interests; as there is no explanation given for an appraisal to be obtained by the Family Trust for the South El Monte property, the Successor Trustee should be ordered to reimburse the Family Trust \$1,077.00 for that expenditure; South El Monte property is commercial property that was owned by the Family Trust and was gifted by their mother to Objector and her two sisters in 2010 to a partnership they owned.
- The Court should not approve the reimbursement made to the Successor Trustee for the cost of an appraisal that was never used.
- The Court should not approve the Successor Trustee's action of selling the Family Trust's tax-free bond and certificate of deposit investments, then depositing the cash into extremely low interest-bearing bank accounts instead of distributing the assets to the beneficiaries.
- The Court should require the Successor Trustee's report to explain why its cash assets of over \$1.5 million are not being distributed.

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Tracy Spreier's Objections to Petition for Settlement of First Account, continued:

- The Court should instruct the Successor Trustee to adhere to her fiduciary duty to deal impartially with the beneficiaries.
- Funeral costs are not an allowable expense under the terms of the Family Trust and should not be approved by the Court in light of the fact that the Trustor had a prepaid cremation and memorial plan.
- Family photograph reprints are not a trust expense that can be approved by the Court.
- The travel costs and other expenses purportedly related to the sale of the Trustor's residence and which were incurred by Successor Trustee's relatives are not allowable Trust expenses.
- The Successor Trustee's fee request should not be granted as it is not supported by an time records for the work
 done by her, and the accounting does not reflect the amount that the report states has already been paid to
 her by the Trust.
- The Court cannot ratify the amounts paid by the Successor Trustee to her attorneys for legal fees as they are not supported by any time records that show any justification for the amounts paid.
- The Court should award Objector her attorney's fees with regard to the objection to the accounting.
- One of the named beneficiaries in the Trust, SEAN WOODS, was not given notice of the petition. [Note: Waiver of Notice on Petition for Settlement of First Account and Report of Trustee of the LaBree Family Trust signed by Sean Woods was filed on 11/21/2012.]

Objector requests:

- That Barbara Pearson an Successor Trustee be ordered to amend and correct the accounting for the
 Family Trust to delete the faux diamond ring as an asset of the Family Trust, and to make all other entries to
 the accounting that are necessary as a result of that correction, without any cost to the Family Trust;
- That Barbara Pearson be order to pay the amount of \$100.00 to the Family Trust as reimbursement for the
 false appraisal that was obtained for the faux diamond ring that was not even a Family Trust asset at the
 time that she became Successor Trustee;
- 3. That Barbara Pearson be ordered to pay the Family Trust the amount of \$1,077.00 for the appraisal by Diana A. Garda of the South El Monte property that was not property of the Family Trust at the time that appraisal was obtained;
- 4. That Barbara Pearson be ordered to correct the accounting to reflect the value of the Trustor's residence at the time of the death, as determined by the appraisal prepared by Larry Stewart, and make all other entries in the accounting necessary to correct the accounting with regard to the sale of the residence, without any cost to the Family Trust, and that Barbara Pearson be ordered to pay the Family Trust \$375.00;
- 5. That Barbara Pearson be ordered to distribute all assets of the Family Trust among the three remaining beneficiaries of the Family Trust, except for any funds reasonably anticipated to be needed for future expenses and liabilities, and for the prudent investment of those funds in interest-bearing bonds;

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Tracy Spreier's Objections to Petition for Settlement of First Account, continued:

- 6. That Barbara Pearson be ordered to deal impartially with each of the Family Trust's beneficiaries and ordered that any future distributions to the three remaining beneficiaries of the Family Trust are to be in equal amounts to each of the three beneficiaries unless otherwise ordered by the Court, and that the Successor Trustee not reimburse any beneficiary or herself any costs or expenses unless and until first order by the Court;
- 7. That the Successor Trustee pay the Family Trust the amount of \$1,537.06 that she improperly paid from the Family Trust for "funeral expenses;"
- 8. That the Successor Trustee pay the Family Trust the amount of **\$42.86** to reimburse it for the amount she improperly paid from the Family Trust for "family photograph reprints;"
- That the Successor Trustee pay the Family Trust the amount of \$6,899.08 to reimburse it for the amount of improper expenses paid by the Family Trust for travel and meal expenses of the beneficiaries to whom the Trustor's personal property was being distributed;
- 10. That the Successor Trustee's request for the ratification of the fees paid to her for her services as the Successor Trustee and the request for payment of additional fees be denied because of the lack of any entry in the accounting showing when the amount paid to the Successor Trustee for her services was actually paid, and because of lack of any evidence showing that the amount paid and the amount requested be paid is reasonable;
- 11. That the Successor Trustees' request for ratification of her act of paying Dowling Aaron & Keeler and Dowling Aaron the amount of **\$53,312.30** be denied because of lack of evidence showing that the payment of that amount was reasonable; and
- 12. That the Court award Objector the amount of her attorney's fees and costs, according to proof, pursuant to Probate Code § 17203 and against the Successor Trustee, Barbara Pearson, and that the award be paid to Objector as a charge against Successor Trustee's compensation or other interest she has in the Family Trust.

Reply to Objections to Petition for Settlement of First Account and Report of Trustee of the LaBree Family Trust filed 11/26/2012 by Barbara Pearson, Trustee, states:

- The ring, which does have an appraised value of \$26,000.00, was taken by Objector as a preliminary distribution of the Trust estate, and is properly included in the accounting to explain equalizing distributions required to other Trust beneficiaries.
- The appraisal of the South El Monte property was a proper Trust expense.
- The appraisal fee of \$375.00 was a proper Trust expense.
- The sale of the tax-free bond was appropriate and within the Trustee's discretion.
- The Trustee's lack of Trust distributions during the accounting period was appropriate and within her discretion.
- If the Court orders the Trustee to adhere to her fiduciary duty to deal impartially with Trust beneficiaries, as requested by Objector, Objector will lose \$42,748.00.
- Funeral costs are allowable expenses, and travel and meals are commonly covered estate administration expenses.
- Copies of family photographs were proper trust expenses.

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Successor Trustee's Reply to Objections, continued:

- Travel costs related to the sale of the residence were proper Trust expenses.
- Documentation regarding Trustees fees has not been provided to Objector and to the Court. [Declaration filed 11/14/2012.]
- A separate attorney fee declaration will be submitted prior to the hearing.
- The Court should deny Objector's request for attorney fees for the objection. There is no adjudication that the Trustee's defense of the accounting is frivolous; therefore, Objector's attorney is not entitled to fees.
- M. Sean Woods filed a Waiver of Notice for the Hearing [on 11/21/2012.]

Petitioner requests the Court deny Objector's objection and grant the petition.

10A Alex and Lillian G. Lamm Living Trust (Trust)

Case No. 12CEPR00687

Atty Atty Baldwin, Kenneth A. (of McCormick Barstow, for Allene Joyce Lamm O'Neal – Co-Trustee – Petitioner)
Poochigian, Mark (for Duane Lamm – Co-Trustee)

Petition to Compel Co-Trustee Duane Alan Lamm to File Report and Account After Written Request; to Remove Duane Alan Lamm as a Co-Trustee; to Redress Breaches of the Trust by Duane Alan Lamm; to Divide and Distribute the Trust Estate; and to Terminate the Trust [Prob. C. 15642 & 17200 et seq.]

Alex Lamm DOD: 11-17-90 Lillian Lamm DOD: 11-19-06 Trustors Alex and Lillian created the Alex and Lillian Lamm Living Trust (the "Trust") on 3-11-88. ALENE JOYCE LAMM O'NEAL, Co-Trustee, is Petitioner and states: Minute Order 9-20-12: Paul O'Rourke [McCormick is appearing via conference on 3-11-88]. Minute Order 9-20-12: Paul O'Rourke [McCormick is appearing via conference on 3-11-88].	Barstow] e call. Court nis
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Lamm Living Trust (the "Trust") is appearing via conference	e call. Court nis
I ON 5-11-88. # Mr. Poochigian advises the	nis
that he filed his chications t	
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• Alex died on 11-17-90, causing the trust to be O'Rourke's representation the	nat no
Aff. Sub. Wit. divided among the Alex Lamm By-Pass Trust, the provided notice. The Court	
Verified Supplied to Verified William Vision Register that there is no objection by	
Inventory Poochigian regarding the is	sue of
• The Survivor's Trust was amended twice: on 6-7-04 notice. At the request of Mr	
and 2-17-05. Not.Cred. O'Rourke, the Court orders a formula formula for the court orders and a continuous formula formula for the court orders and a continuous formula for the continuous for the continuous formula for the continuous formula for the continuous formula for the continuous formula for the continuous for the continuous formula for the continuous for the continuous formula for the continuous formula for the continuous for the continuous formula for the continuous	
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▼ Aff.Mail W • For purposes of this petition, "Trust" refers to all commencing from the date	
Aff.Pub. death to the present. The Corders that the accounting	
Sp.Ntc. Completed by 11/19/12.	
Petitioner states the Trust provides that she and her brother DUANE ALAN LAMM were to become co-	
Conference Set on 11/29/1	۷.
Letters Lillian's death, Duane has asserted exclusive control As of 11-27-12, no account	ng has
Duties/Supp over most of the assets of the Trust.	
Objections	
The Trust as amended provides that the Marital Trust and the By-Pass Trust are to terminate and be Aftorney Poochigian filed a Declaration on 11-20-12.	
Receipt distributed to Duane and Allene in equal shares	
CI Report immediately following Lillian's death.	
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Survivor's Irust is to terminate at Lillian's death and is be filled in for attorney : to be distributed as follows: The Court may require	rees.
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To BLAKE LAMM (Trustors' grandson) a fractional portion (56.64%) of the Survivor Trust's ownership Confidential and former documentation regard amount requested.	ing the
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consisting of approx. 76 acres: and	
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the share apportioned to DUANE is to include the Trustors' residence, without affecting the equality	
of the shares.	
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Petitioner states:

- The Trust Estate includes real estate, corporate stock, gemstones and cash, including an undivided 75% ownership interest as tenant in common in certain commercial real property consisting of an office building (the "commercial building") in Reedley, which is leased to Chase Bank. (The other 25% is owned by Duane's former spouse, Linda W. Lamm.)
- Petitioner states that since Lillian's death, Duane has been and continues to collect all rent from the Commercial Building personally and deposits same into his bank account without Allene's consent and in breach of the terms of the Trust.
- The Trust Estate also includes gemstones and precious metals, including specified items, and a Wells Fargo checking account, which is under Duane's exclusive control in breach of the terms of the Trust.
- The Trust Estate also includes 55% of the issued and outstanding common stock of Al Lamm Ranch, Inc., a California corporation. Allene and Duane each own 22.5%. Petitioner states Duane possesses and controls all of the assets of the Corporation and uses those assets for the exclusive benefit of his personal farming operations to the detriment of the Corporation and its majority owner, the Trust.
- The 76 acres of farmland (the "Home Ranch") located in Reedley is owned by the Trust and leased to Rio Vista Limited Partnership under a lease dated 10-1-05 that expires 9-30-20. Petitioner states all rent from the Home Ranch has been and continues to be collected by Duane and deposited in his personal accounts over which he has exclusive control. Duane has not provided Allene with any accounting nor made any distributions of such rental income to Allene in breach of the Trust.
 - <u>Examiner's Note</u>: It is unclear if this is the same 76 acres as is specified in the devise to Blake Lamm, since the devise indicates that the Trust owns only a partial interest of 45.56%, but this section of the petition indicates that the Trust owns this real property. The Court may require clarification.
- Petitioner states that at Lillian's death, Duane unilaterally assumed the primary duties of administering the Trust Estate, and appointed himself as the Trust decision maker and used his knowledge of the family holdings to single-handedly control the management of the Trust Estate while excluding Allene as a trustee in violation of Probate Code § 15620, which requires unanimous consent of co-trustees for action. Specifically, Petitioner states Duane has insisted on exercising exclusive control over the Commercial Building, Home Ranch and Corporation because those assets provide him with his primary source of income. Duane also holds physical possession of the specified gemstones and precious metals.
- Petitioner states she formally demanded an accounting and proposed division and distribution of the Trust
 Estate in a letter to Duane's attorney Mark Poochigian on 5-17-12, which letter has been ignored. Duane
 appears reticent in providing a full and complete disclosure of this acts and proceedings involving the Trust and
 has been less than forthcoming in his response to Allene's requests for information. Because of Duane's refusal
 to provide information and his exclusive control over the assets, including all bank accounts, for over five years,
 Duane should be directed to file full accounting.
- Petitioner states Duane has committed numerous breaches of trust by collecting all rents in connection with the Commercial Building and Home Ranch and depositing them into his personal accounts. By doing so, he has converted assets – a clear breach of trust.
- Duane has personally benefitted from his exclusive control and use of the equipment owned by the
 Corporation, the controlling shares of which are owned by the Trust. Neither the Corporation nor the Trust has
 received any benefit from Duane's personal use of such equipment.
- Petitioner further alleges that Duane has taken unauthorized withdrawals of cash from the Trust another clear breach of the Trust and Probate Code § 15620 – without her consent, and no equalizing distributions have been made to Petitioner.

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10A Alex and Lillian G. Lamm Living Trust (Trust)

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- Finally, Duane has refused for well over five years to cooperate with Petitioner in division and distribution of the Trust Estate to the beneficiaries notwithstanding the terms of the Trust which require termination and immediate division and distribution following Lillian's death.
- Probate Code § 15642 empowers this Court to remove a trustee who has committed a breach or whose hostility
 or lack of cooperation with the other co-trustees impairs the administration of the Trust. Redress should also
 include removal of Duane as a co-trustee for his conversion of assets, unauthorized withdrawals, and refusal to
 cooperate. Such redress will allow Petitioner as the sole trustee to complete the necessary division and
 distribution as required by the express terms of the Trust.
- Redress should also include attorneys' fees and legal costs, as Petitioner has been forced to take extreme
 measures to compel Duane to carry out his fiduciary duties. Section 1 (f) of the Trust allows the trustee to employ
 attorneys on behalf of the trust to assist in carrying out her duties. Petitioner, in carrying out her duties, has been
 required to retain counsel and incur legal costs to compel Duane to carry out his duties. Such fees and costs
 should be surcharged against Duane's beneficial interest in an amount according to proof.
- The Trust was to terminate on Lillian's death, which was over five years ago. Duane has refused to cooperate with Allene in dividing and distributing the Trust Estate to beneficiaries in accordance with the express terms of the Trust. Under Probate Code §§ 17200(b)(13) and (14), this Court has the authority and should order termination and distribution.

Petitioner requests the Court Order:

- That Duane be directed to prepare and file within 30 days an account of the Trust from Lillian's death (11-19-06) through present, accompanied by a schedule of property, current market value, and all liabilities of the Trust;
- That Duane be compelled to restore to the Trust all Trust assets that he has converted for his personal use and benefit:
- That Duane be compelled to either return to the Trust all unauthorized cash advances that he has taken from the
 Trust Estate as described, plus interest at the max. legal rate, or in the alternative, be compelled to cause the
 Trust to make an equalizing distribution to Allene, plus interest;
- That Duane be removed as a co-trustee of the Trust;
- Directing that the Trust be terminated and the Trust Estate be divided and distributed to the Trust beneficiaries in accordance with the express terms of the Trust;
- For attorneys' fees and legal costs incurred by Petitioner in connection with this Petition to be surcharged against Duane's share of the Trust Estate; and
- For such other and further orders and relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

10B Alex and Lillian G. Lamm Living Trust (Trust)

Case No. 12CEPR00687

Atty Atty Baldwin, Kenneth A. (of McCormick Barstow, for Allene Joyce Lamm O'Neal – Co-Trustee – Petitioner) Poochigian, Mark (for Duane Lamm – Co-Trustee)

Status Conference

Alex Lamm DOD: 11-17-90						
Lillian Lamm DOD: 11-19-06						
Со	nt. from					
	Aff.Sub.Wit.					
	Verified					
	Inventory					
	PTC					
	Not.Cred.					
	Notice of Hrg					
	Aff.Mail					
	Aff.Pub.					
	Sp.Ntc.					
	Pers.Serv.					
	Conf. Screen					
	Letters					
	Duties/Supp					
	Objections					
	Video					
	Receipt					
	CI Report					
	9202					
	Order					
	Aff. Posting					
	Status Rpt					
	UCCJEA					
	Citation					
	FTB Notice					

ALLENE JOYCE LAMM O'NEAL, Co-Trustee, filed a Petition to Compel Co-Trustee DUANE ALAN LAMM to File Report and Account After Written Request; to Remove DUANE ALAN LAMM as a Co-Trustee; to Redress Breaches of the Trust by DUANE ALAN LAMM; to Divide and Distribute the Trust Estate; and to Terminate the Trust.

On 9-20-12, at the request of Mr. O'Rourke, the Court ordered Mr. Poochigian to prepare a formal accounting for the period commencing from the date of death to the present be completed by 11-19-12.

On 11-20-12, Mr. Poochigian filed a Declaration stating that his office sent a letter to Kenneth Baldwin's office on 11-19-12 enclosing an accounting from 11-19-06 through 10-31-12 (attached).

NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:

Minute Order 9-20-12: Paul O'Rourke [McCormick Barstow] is appearing via conference call. Mr. Poochigian advises the Court that he filed his objections this morning. The Court accepts Mr. O'Rourke's representation that no additional parties need to be provided notice. The Court notes that there is no objection by Mr. Poochigian regarding the issue of notice. At the request of Mr. O'Rourke, the Court orders Mr. Poochigian to prepare a formal accounting for the period commencing from the date of death to the present. The Court orders that the accounting to be completed by 11/19/12. Continued to 11/29/12. Status Conference Set on 11/29/12.

Examiner notes that an accounting (attached to Declaration) was sent to Petitioner's attorney; however, the accounting was not filed as a Petition for Court review. Therefore, Examiner has not reviewed the schedules.

If the Co-Trustee's Accounting is to be reviewed by the Court, need Petition with appropriate filing fee.

1. Need status.

Reviewed by: skc
Reviewed on: 11-27-12
Updates:
Recommendation:
File 10B - Lamm

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Atty Dowling, Michael; Burnside, Leigh; Matlak, Steven; of Dowling Aaron (for Petitioner Barbara L. Pearson, Successor Trustee)

Petition for Settlement of First Account and Report of Trustee of the Frank H. LaBree Exemption Trust, Established Under the LaBree Family Trust [Cal. Prob. C. 1064(a), 17200, 17200(b)(5), CRC., Rule 7.902]

Frank DOD: 8/15/2006 Roberta DOD: 3/25/2012		BARBARA L. PEARSON, Trustors' daughter, Trust Beneficiary and Successor Trustee of the FRANK H. LABREE EXEMPTION TRUST, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/ COMMENTS:
		Petitioner.	
✓ 	t. from Aff.Sub.Wit. Verified Inventory PTC Not.Cred. Notice of Hrg	Account period: 3/25/2011 – 12/31/2011 Accounting - \$1,390,384.39 Beginning POH - \$1,381,667.76 Ending POH - \$1,384,622.61 (\$475,166.79 is cash; ending property on hand amount includes the \$518,182.00 amount held in constructive trust by Trustee for the benefit of the Frank H. LaBree Exemption Trust.)	
√	Aff.Mail W /	Trustee - No compensation paid	
	Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc.	Attorney - No compensation paid	
	Pers.Serv. Conf. Screen	Accountant - \$219.00 (paid) (to Erickson & Assoc., CPAs, as itemized in Disbursements	
	Letters	schedule; Petitioner is employed by Erickson & Assoc.)	
	Duties/Supp		
	Objections	Petitioner states: ROBERTA LABREE and FRANK H. LABREE, Jr., created the	
	Video Receipt	LABREE FAMILY TRUST on 4/13/1981, as amended on 5/2/1984, and as amended in full on 12/20/1991, and were	
	CI Report 9202	the original co-trustees of the Trust;Upon Frank's death on 8/15/2006, a portion of the Family	
√	Order	Trust became irrevocable and the FRANK H. LEBREE	
	Aff. Posting	EXEMPTION TRUST was established under the terms of the Family Trust;	Reviewed by: LEG
	Status Rpt	 Roberta became the sole Trustee of the LaBree Family Trust and the Exemption Trust, and served until her death on 	Reviewed on: 11/28/12
	UCCJEA	3/25/2012 when Petitioner became and is currently the	Updates:
	Citation	Successor Trustee of the Exemption Trust (copy of Second	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice	Amendment to Declaration of Trust attached as Exhibit A); ~Please see additional page~	File 11 - Labree

Petitioner states, continued:

- During the period of administration of this account, Petitioner discovered excess income distributions totaling \$60,756.82 were made in 2008, 2009 and 2010 to Roberta LaBree by the Exemption Trust, of which Roberta was the sole beneficiary during her lifetime; on 12/31/2011, the Trustee on behalf of the ROBERTA D. LABREE TRUST applied income due to Roberta for 2011 in the amount of \$3,427.00 to the amount owed to the Exemption Trust (please refer to Schedules C and G of the account); the full amount owed by the Family Trust of \$57,329.82 has been paid to the Exemption Trust by the Family Trust and will be reflected in the next account;
- During the period of administration of this account, Petitioner discovered the Family Trust had underfunded the Exemption Trust by \$500,000.00, which accrued interest of \$18,182.00, and the full amount of \$518,182.00 has been paid by the Family Trust to the Exemption Trust and will be reflected in the next account.

Petitioner prays for an Order:

- 5. Settling and allowing the First Account and Report of the Trustee; and
- 6. Ratifying, confirming and approving all acts and transactions of the Petitioner as Trustee relating to matters set forth in the First Account.

12 Frank H. LaBree Irrevocable Trust (Trust)

Case No. 12CEPR00893

- Atty Dowling, Michael; Burnside, Leigh; Matlak, Steven; of Dowling Aaron (for Petitioner Barbara L. Pearson, Successor Trustee)
- Atty Werner, David D., Field, Stefanie; of Gresham Savage Nolan & Tilden, Riverside (for Objector Tracy Spreier, Beneficiary)

Petition for Settlement of First Account and Report of Trustee of the Frank H. LaBree Irrevocable Trust Dated March 26, 1992 [Cal. Prob. C. 1064(a), 17200, 17200(b)(5), CRC., Rule 7.902]

Frank DOD: 8/15/2006	BARBARA L. PEARSON, Trustor's daughter, Trust Beneficiary and	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/
Roberta DOD: 3/25/2012	Successor Trustee of the FRANK H. LABREE IRREVOCABLE TRUST , is	COMMENTS:
	Petitioner.	
		2. Need proposed
Cont. from	Account period: 10/10/2008 – 12/31/2011	order.
Aff.Sub.Wit.	Accounting - \$456,694.10	
✓ Verified	Beginning POH - \$421,894.79	
Inventory	Ending POH - \$423,435.60	
PTC	(\$334,115.35 is cash)	
Not.Cred.	Trustee (Initial) - \$3,510.00	
✓ Notice of Hrg	(services prior to 10/10/2008 for initial Trustee, paid to Law Offices	
✓ Aff.Mail W /	of Earl O. Bender)	
Aff.Pub.	Truste a (Currout) \$ \$200.00 (notice)	
Sp.Ntc.	Trustee (Current) - \$600.00 (paid)	
Pers.Serv.	Trustee Costs - \$1,379.84 (paid)	
Conf. Screen	(reimbursement of 2010 travel expense)	
Letters	All the second sections	
Duties/Supp	Attorney - Not requested	
Objections	Accountant - \$615.00 (paid)	
Video	(to Erickson & Assoc., CPAs, as itemized in Disbursements	
Receipt	schedule; Petitioner is employed by Erickson & Assoc.)	
CI Report	Dallianay alakas	
9202	Petitioner states: • FRANK H. LABREE, Jr., created the FRANK H. LABREE	
Order X	IRREVOCABLE TRUST on 3/26/1992, which was funded initially	Reviewed by: LEG
Aff. Posting Status Rpt	by a life insurance policy on Frank (copy of Trust Agreement	Reviewed by: LEG
	attached as Exhibit A);	11/28/12
UCCJEA	 The initial Trustee was EARL O. BENDER, who resigned on 10/9/2008, and Petitioner succeeded as trustee; Petitioner is 	Updates:
Citation	a resident of Auberry, California;	Recommendation:
FTB Notice	223.25 21, 1000, 20	File 12 – Labree
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Petitioner states, continued:

- Pursuant to probate Code § 17200, the Trustee is requesting Court review of the first account and of the acts of the Trustee, and submits her first account and report of administration of the Trust for settlement and allowance;
- On 1/30/2009, Trustee loaned herself and her husband, **PAUL E. PEARSON**, the sum of **\$95,000.00** per a written promissory note dated 1/30/2009 at 6% per annum interest with monthly payments of **\$860.00**, and such note is secured by a manufactured home located in Auberry, California; the note was modified on 12/1/2010 to reduce the annual interest to 4%, with all other terms remaining the same; at all times and during the account period, the note remained current and all payments are reflected in the account; the note was subsequently paid in full as will be reflected in the next account; the loan was done with the consent of Roberta LaBree who was the surviving spouse of the Trustor and was the primary beneficiary of the Irrevocable Trust at that time;
- On 9/10/2009, Trustee made an unsecured loan to SHANNON BADELLA and ANTHONY BADELLA, Trustee's daughter and her husband, in the sum of \$14,300.00; the loan was evidenced by a written promissory note at 6% per annum interest with monthly payments of \$400.00, commencing 11/1/2009; the note was modified on 12/1/2010 to reduce the interest rate to 4% per annum with all other terms remaining the same; on 3/24/2011, Petitioner assumed the obligation and payment of the note, which at that time had a balance of \$9,317.97; at all times and during the account period, the note remained current and all payments are reflected in the account; the loan was done with the consent of Roberta LaBree, who was the surviving spouse of the Trustor and was the primary beneficiary of the Irrevocable Trust at that time;
- The current and "Present Beneficiaries" of the Trust are Barbara L. Pearson (of Auberry), Roxanne McWilliams (of West Hills), and Tracy I. Sprier (of Temecula); each Present Beneficiary has an unrestricted right to "withdraw from principal the entire balance of her trust at any time" pursuant to Subsection 5.02(b)(c) of the Trust, thus Probate Code §§ 15802 and 15803 apply and the Present Beneficiaries' rights to withdraw limit the Trustee's duty to notify any future beneficiaries.

Petitioner prays for an Order:

- 7. Settling and allowing the First Account and Report of the Trustee;
- 8. Ratifying, confirming and approving all acts and transactions of the Petitioner as Trustee relating to matters set forth in the First Account; and
- 9. Ratifying and approving the Trustee's fees already paid as set forth in the First Account.

Objection to Petition for Settlement of First Account and Report of Trustee of the Frank H. LaBree Irrevocable Trust dated 3/26/1992; Request for Attorneys' Fees filed 11/16/2012 by TRACY SPREIER, Trustor's daughter and Trust Beneficiary, states she objects to the account filed by Barbara Person on the following grounds:

- The Court should not approve the Successor Trustee's acts of unilaterally reducing the interest rate of the loans
 that she made from the Trust's funds to herself and her daughter, without any evidence of the reasonableness
 and justification of such self-dealing.
- The Court should not approve the Successor Trustee's unusual travel expenses without evidence of the reasonableness of such charges to the Trust.
- The Account and Report fails to explain the reason for the unusual omission of any payment to the Successor Trustee for her fees for 2010 and 2011, and it is unknown whether those fees are waived or if the Successor Trustee was compensated in some other way.

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Reply to Objections to Petition for Settlement of First Account and Report of Trustee of the Frank H. LaBree Irrevocable Trust dated 3/26/1992 filed 11/26/2012 by Barbara Pearson, Trustee, states:

- The Objection is somewhat economically bewildering because the objection questions actions by the Trustee which benefitted the Trustee or her daughter a total of \$5,170.12, and if successful in her objection, Objector stands to gain at most \$1,723.37 based on her 1/3 share.
- Petitioner's counsel was never contacted to see if Objector's questions could be adequately addressed, or the
 issues perhaps settled on an informal basis; Petitioner wonders why Objector's counsel did not simply call to
 discuss Objector's concerns with this accounting.
- In her service as Trustee for the three+ years presented in the accounting, Petitioner's benefit of \$5,170.12 would be well within a reasonable Trustee fee for her service given her active involvement with investment decisions and her assistance with preparation of the Trust's tax returns each year.
- The reduction of the interest rate from 6% to 4% was consented to by a life-time beneficiary of the Trust, and was economically reasonable.
- The Successor Trustee's travel expenses for \$1,379.84 were reasonably related to the administration of the Trust.
- The Trustee is not requesting Trustee fees for 2010 or 2011.
- The Court should deny Objector's request for attorney fees for the Objection.

Atty Dowling, Michael; Burnside, Leigh; Matlak, Steven; of Dowling Aaron (for Petitioner Barbara L. Pearson, Successor Trustee)

Petition for Settlement of First Account and Report of Trustee of the LaBree Irrevocable Trust Dated March 26, 1992 [Cal. Prob. C. 1064(a), 17200, 17200(b)(5), CRC., Rule 7.902]

	Roberta DOD: 3/25/2012 BARBARA L. PEARSON, Trustors' daughter, Trust Beneficiary and Trustee of the LABREE IRREVOCABLE TRUST, is Petitioner.		NEEDS/PROBLEMS/ COMMENTS:
		Account period: 3/25/2011 - 12/31/2011	
Cor	Aff.Sub.Wit.	Accounting - \$1,011,330.57 Beginning POH - \$1,000,000.00 Ending POH - \$1,011,330.57	
	Inventory PTC	Trustee - No compensation paid	
	Not.Cred.	Attorney - No compensation paid	
✓	All./Mail	Accountant - No compensation paid	
	Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc.	Petitioner states:	
	Pers.Serv.	FRANK H. LABREE, Jr., and ROBERTA D. LABREE created the LABREE IRREVOCABLE TRUST on 3/26/1992, and the initial	
	Conf. Screen Letters	Trustee was and continues to be the Petitioner (copy of Irrevocable Trust Agreement attached as Exhibit A);	
	Duties/Supp Objections	The Trust owned a second-to-die policy on the lives of Frank and Roberta, which paid \$1,000,000.00 to the Trust on	
	Video Receipt	Roberta's death; • Pursuant to probate Code § 17200, the Trustee is requesting	
	CI Report 9202	Court review of the first account and of the acts of the Trustee, and submits her first account and report of	
√	Order	administration of the Trust for settlement and allowance.	
	Aff. Posting Status Rpt	Petitioner prays for an Order: 10. Settling and allowing the First Account and Report of the Trustee as filed; and	Reviewed by: LEG Reviewed on: 11/28/12
	UCCJEA	11. Ratifying, confirming and approving all acts and	Updates:
	Citation FTB Notice	transactions of the Petitioner as Trustee relating to matters set forth in the First Account.	Recommendation: File 13 – LaBree

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14 Walter Edward Eastwood (CONS/PE)
Atty LeVan, Nancy J. (for Susan M. Brown – Daughte

Atty

Case No. 12CEPR00922

LeVan, Nancy J. (for Susan M. Brown – Daughter – Petitioner) Istanboulian, Flora (Court-appointed for Proposed Conservatee)

Petition for Appointment of Probate Conservator of the Person and Estate (Prob. C. 1820, 1821, 2680-2682)

SUSAN M. BROWN, Daughter, is Petitioner and **NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:** Age: 83 requests appointment as Conservator of the Person DOB: 8-14-29 with medical consent powers and dementia Court Investigator advised rights on medication powers and as Conservator of the Estate 11-6-12. with bond of \$94,000.00. Examiner calculates that bond Aff.Sub.Wit. WALTER EDWARD EASTWOOD (the proposed should be \$95,480.00, which Conservatee) signed a Nomination of Petitioner filed Verified amount includes cost of 10-23-12. recovery per Probate Code Inventory §2320(c)(4) and Cal. Rules of PTC Court 7.207. The order has Voting rights affected. Not.Cred. been interlineated to reflect this Notice of Hrg amount. **Estimated Value of Estate:** Aff.Mail W Personal property: \$70,000.00 Note: The Court will set status Aff.Pub. Annual income: \$16,800.00 hearings as follows: Sp.Ntc. Total: \$86,800.00 1-4-13 for filing of bond Pers.Serv. W A Capacity Declaration was filed 10-23-12. Conf. Screen 4-5-13 for filing of the Inventory and Appraisal Letters **Petitioner states** the proposed Conservatee's Duties/Supp 4-4-14 for filing of the first memory is greatly impaired and conservatorship is account **Objections** necessary to protect him and his assets for his own Video Receipt If the above items are care. Walter lives at his residence with his grandson, appropriately filed before the CI Report Richard Underwood, who has a criminal record and hearing dates, then no history of drug and alcohol abuse and is addicted to 9202 appearance will be required. gambling. Mr. Underwood does not work and Order continuously borrows money, and does not Aff. Posting **Reviewed by:** skc contribute to any expenses of the home. He receives Status Rpt **Reviewed on:** 11-27-12 food stamps and "sold" his right to the food stamps **UCCJEA Updates:** to Walter for \$150; however, Walter does not Citation Recommendation: remember these transactions. Mr. Underwood allows FTB Notice File 14 – Eastwood women to stay at the home and there have been several instances of arguing in the middle of the night, startling Walter. Walter was a victim of a home invasion robbery approx. 3 years ago and was beaten. He has become nervous and upset but does not have the presence of mind to ask Mr. Underwood to leave. He is afraid that Mr. Underwood or his friends might invade his home and attack him. Walter is easily influenced and taken advantage of. Petitioner has assisted him in paying his bills and managing his money for many years. Court Investigator Charlotte Bien filed a report on 11-8-12.

Halme, Paul O. (of Solvang, CA for Sonya A. Mattson and Kate A. Mattson, Petitioners)

Petition of Appoint Successor Co-Trustees, Supporting Declaration of Walter
Bergmann, And Nomination

			SONYA A. MATTSON and KATE A. MATTSON,	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			Beneficiaries, are Petitioners.	
			Petitioners state a vacancy has occurred in the	
			office of trustee because the appointed trustee	
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Marvel Stafford died on 5-5-11 in Stockton, CA, and the trust administration has been carried	
	Verified		out in Fresno County where the trust's real	
	Inventory		property is located.	
	PTC			
	Not.Cred.		Petitioners state the named successor, Walter Bergmann, has declined to act and joins in the	
~	Notice of Hrg		nomination of the adult beneficiaries Sonya A.	
~	Aff.Mail	w/o	Mattson and Kate A. Mattson. The Decedent's	
	Aff.Pub.		will requires that a vacancy in the office of	
	Sp.Ntc.		trustee will be appointed by the Court.	
	Pers.Serv.		Petitioners request an order appointing them as	
	Conf. Screen		successor Co-Trustees.	
	Letters			
	Duties/Supp			
	Objections			
	Video			
	Receipt			
	CI Report			
	9202 Order			
<u> </u>	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: skc
	Status Rpt			Reviewed by: 3RC
	UCCJEA			Updates:
	Citation			Recommendation: SUBMITTED
	FTB Notice			File 15 - Mattson

Atty Saiz, Steven D (Co-Guardian – Paternal Grandfather)
Atty Saiz, Linda M (Co-Guardian – Paternal Grandmother)

Atty Taylor, Georgette (Pro Per – Petitioner – Mother)

Petition for Termination of Guardianship

	man	GEORGETTE TAYLOR, mother, is petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
	e: 17	STEVEN D. SAIZ and LINDA M. SAIZ, paternal grandparents were appointed guardians on 04/22/2002. Steven D. Saiz and Linda M. Saiz consent and waive notice.	This petition pertains to Roman Godines only. 1. Need Notice of Hearing.
✓	Aff.Sub.Wit. Verified Inventory	Father: JESSE GODINES Maternal Grandfather: Fred Taylor, Deceased	 Need proof of service by mail at least 15 days before the hearing of Notice of Hearing with a copy of the Petition for Termination of Guardianship or
	Notice of Hrg	Maternal Grandmother: Nancy Taylor, Deceased	Consent to Termination and Waiver of Service and Notice of Hearing <u>or</u> Declaration of Due Diligence for: • Jesse Godines (Father)
	Aff.Mail Aff.Pub. × Sp.Ntc.	=	
	Pers.Serv. Conf. Screen Letters	Court Investigator Charlotte Bien's report filed 11/05/2012.	
	Duties/Supp Objections Video	= = =	
√	Receipt CI Report 9202	_	
√	Order Aff. Posting Status Rpt		Reviewed by: KT / LV Reviewed on: 11/27/2012
	Citation FTB Notice		Updates: Recommendation: File 16 – Godines & Taylor

Atty

Renteria, Paula A. (Pro Per – Petitioner – Guardian/Sister)
Petition for Termination of Guardianship

Ag	e: 15	PAULA A. RENTERIA, guardian/sister, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
		petitioner. She was appointed guardian on	
		04/30/2012.	17B is a petition for guardianship filed by
		Father: UNKNOWN	Francisco Renteria, minor's maternal uncle.
Со	nt. from 100112	Tallier, UNKNOWN	oricle.
	Aff.Sub.Wit.	Mother: OLIVIA STEPHANIE TORESS-	1. Need proof of personal service fifteen
√	Verified	Incarcerated, personally served 08/27/2012	(15) days prior to the hearing on the following person:
	Inventory	Paternal Grandparents: Unknown	Andrea Irene Rene Arreola
	PTC		(Minor)
	Not.Cred.	Maternal Grandfather: Alfredo Torres,	
1	Notice of	Deceased	
Ľ	Hrg	Maternal Grandmother: Grace Hernandez,	
✓	Aff.Mail	served by mail on 08/07/2012.	
	Aff.Pub.	Petitioner states: The child is not living with the	
	Sp.Ntc.	petitioner. Child is not obeying petitioner	
	Pers.Serv.	and causes problems in the household. Child made false accusations against	
	Conf.	petitioner's husband, and afterwards cut her	
	Screen	wrists. Petitioner called police CCAIR, child	
	Letters	was given a psychological assessment and it	
	Duties/Supp	was determined that she was doing this for	
	Objections	attention. Child's accusations were	
	Video	dismissed by authorities.	
	Receipt	Court Investigator Samantha D. Henson's	
	CI Report	report filed 09/24/2012.	
	9202		
✓	Order		
	Aff. Posting		Reviewed by: KT / LV
	Status Rpt		Reviewed on: 11/27/2012
	UCCJEA		Updates:
	Citation		Recommendation:
	FTB Notice		File 17A - Arreola

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17B Andrea Irene Rene Arreola (GUARD/P)

Case No. 12CEPR00201

Atty Renteria, Paula A. (Guardian – Sister)

Atty Renteria, Francisco I. (Pro Per – Petitioner – Maternal Uncle)

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person (Prob. C. 1510)

Ag	e: 15		NO TEMPORARY REQUESTED	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENT
			FRANCISCO I. RENTERIA, maternal uncle, is petitioner.	S:
Со	Cont. from		TRANCISCO I. RENTERIA, Maiemai di idice, is perinoner.	
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		PAULA A. RENTERIA, guardian/sister, is petitioner. She	Need proof of personal service five (5) days prior
1	Verified		was appointed guardian on 04/30/2012. Guardian,	to the hearing of the
	Inventory		Paula A. Renteria, consents and waives notice.	Notice of Hearing along
	PTC		Father: UNKNOWN	with a copy of the Petition
	Not.Cred.		Mother: OLIVIA STEPHANIE TORESS, consents and	for Appointment of Guardian or consent and
1	Notice of		waives notice	waiver of notice or
	Hrg		Paternal Grandparents: Unknown	declaration of due
✓	Aff.Mail	%/		diligence for: • Father (Unknown)
	Aff.Pub.		Maternal Grandfather: Alfredo Torres, Deceased	Father (Unknown)Andrea Irene
	Sp.Ntc.		Maternal Grandmother: Grace Hernandez, served by mail on 10/30/2012.	Rene Arreola
	Pers.Serv.	Χ		(Minor)
1	Conf.		Siblings: Sabrina Arreola, Ricardo Arreola, Anthony	
	Screen		Arreola, all served by mail on 10/30/2012.	
✓	Letters		Petitioner states: Currently Paula Renteria is guardian of	
1	Duties/Supp		the minor, Andrea Irene Renee Arreola. Paula,	
	Objections		guardian, has four children and two are special needs children, so she is unable to give Andrea the attention	
	Video		that she needs. Paula applied for termination of	
	Receipt		guardianship. Petitioner states that he will have other	
✓	CI Report		relatives including Paula assist him with providing support and guidance to the minor during her	
	9202		adolescence. The child's mother is currently	
✓	Order		incarcerated at the California Institution for Women in	
	Aff. Posting		Corona, California. The minor child has always been a part of the petitioner's life and has spent weekends	Reviewed by: KT / LV
	Status Rpt		with him while living with the current guardian, Paula.	Reviewed on: 11/27/2012
✓	UCCJEA			Updates:
	Citation		Court Investigator Samantha Henson's report filed 11/19/2012.	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice		11/17/2012.	File 17B - Arreola
				17D

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Nelson, Jack (Pro Per – Administrator – Petitioner)
Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver Of Accounting

DOD:	5-28-08		JACK NELSON, Son and Administrator with	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			Full IAEA without bond, is Petitioner.	
			Accounting is waived.	
Cont.	from 111312		I&A: \$65,500.00	
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		POH: \$65,500.00 (real property plus	
~	Verified		furniture, fixtures and personal items)	
~	Inventory			
~	PTC		Administrator (Statuory): Waived	
>	Not.Cred.		Distribution pursuant to intestate	
N/A	Notice of Hrg		succession and Waivers of Interest filed 6-	
N/A	Aff.Mail		22-12:	
	Aff.Pub.		Landa Nada and Earling and a decided from a language and a	
	Sp.Ntc.		Jack Nelson: Entire estate (real property plus furniture, fixtures and personal items)	
	Pers.Serv.		pios for illore, lixiores and personaments)	
	Conf. Screen			
>	Letters	6-28-12		
	Duties/Supp			
	Objections			
	Video			
	Receipt			
	CI Report			
*	9202			
~	Order			Pariance d by a dec
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: skc Reviewed on: 11-20-12
	Status Rpt UCCJEA			Updates:
	Citation			Recommendation: SUBMITTED
~	FTB Notice			File 18 - Nelson

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Case No. 12CEPR00831

Sanchez, Maria (Pro Per-Petitioner- Paternal Grandmother) Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person (Prob. C. 1510) Atty

An	thony		NO TEMPORARY REQUESTED	NEEDS	S/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
Ag	e: 5				
Joh Ag	nnathan e:4		MARIA SANCHEZ, paternal grandmother, is petitioner.	do	eed proof of service fifteen (15) ays prior to the hearing of the
Co	nt. from		Father: ANTHONY T. SANCHEZ , personally served on 10/25/2012	of G	otice of Hearing along with a copy the Petitioner for Appointment of uardian or consent and waiver of
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Mother: FELICIA FLORES , personally served		otice or declaration of due ligence for:
1	Verified		on 10/29/2012	GII	Maternal Grandparents (Unknown)
	Inventory		Paternal grandfather: Kenneth Talamantez,		(OTIXTIOWITI)
	PTC		Declaration of Due Diligence filed on	2. UC	CCJEA does not provide the
	Not.Cred.		09/18/2012		nildren's residence for the past five
✓	Notice of Hrg		Maternal Grandparents: Unknown	ye	ears as required.
	Aff.Mail	Х	Petitioner states: mother abandoned the		
	Aff.Pub.		children and mother and father abuse		
	Sp.Ntc.		drugs. Petitioner feels the children would		
✓	Pers.Serv.	w/	be better off in her care.		
✓	Conf.		Court Investigator Dina Calvillo's report filed		
	Screen		11/19/2012.		
✓	Letters				
✓	Duties/Supp				
	Objections				
	Video				
√	Receipt Cl Report				
	9202				
√	Order				
	Aff. Posting			Revie	wed by: KT / LV
	Status Rpt				wed on: 11/27/2012
✓	UCCJEA			Upda	tes:
	Citation			Recor	mmendation:
	FTB Notice			File 1	9 - Sanchez

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Garza, Peter Jeffery (pro per – father/Petitioner)
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Estate (Prob. C. 1510)

	Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Estate (Prob. C. 1510)				
Ag	e: 16 years	TEMPORARY EXPIRES 11/29/12	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:		
Co	nt. from Aff.Sub.Wit. Verified Inventory	PETER JEFFREY GARZA, father, is petitioner and requests appointment as guardian of the estate without bond. Estimated value of the estate: Personal property - \$282,000.00	1. Petition does not include the child information attachment. Therefore the names and addresses of the paternal grandparents, maternal grandparents and siblings have not been provided. In addition, the information regarding whether or not the minor is of Indian ancestry is not included.		
\(\sqrt{1} \)	PTC Not.Cred. Notice of Hrg Aff.Mail w/ Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv. Conf. Screen Letters Duties/Supp Objections Video Receipt CI Report n/c	Mother: Deceased Paternal grandparents: Not listed Maternal grandparents: Not listed Siblings: Not listed Petitioner states the minor is to receive life insurance and retirement proceeds from his deceased mother. A guardianship is needed so that funds can be received on behalf of the minor. Petitioner states the insurance companies will not even speak to him without a guardianship in place.	 Need proof of service by mail at least 15 days before the hearing of Notice of Hearing with a copy of the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person or Consent & Waiver of Notice or Declaration of Due Diligence for: Maternal grandparents Paternal grandparents Siblings over the age of 12 Note: A proof of service by mail was filed 11/15/12 showing notice was sent to Jessica Garza & Noemi Garza, however, it is unclear what their relationship to the minor is due to missing the required Child Information Attachment (see note 1). Petition requests that bond be waived. Local Rule 7.8.1I states absent a showing of good cause it is the policy of the court to block all funds in Guardianship estates. Note: Minute Order from hearing on 10/25/12 granted a temporary guardianship of the estate subject to receipt of a blocked account. As of 11/27/12, no receipt from blocked account has been filed. 		
	Aff. Posting Status Rpt		Reviewed by: JF Reviewed on: 11/27/12		
	UCCJEA	=	Updates:		
	Citation	1	Recommendation:		
	FTB Notice	-	File 20 - Garza		
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Encizo, Mary Louise (pro per – paternal grandmother/Petitioner)

Petition for Appointment of Temporary Guardianship of the Person

Ag	e: 23 months		GENERAL HEARING 01/22/13	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			MARY LOUISE ENCIZO, paternal grandmother, is Petitioner.	 Need Notice of Hearing. Need proof of personal service at least 5 court days before the hearing
Со	nt. from		Father: ALEXANDER MORENO	of Notice of Hearing with a copy of the Petition for Appointment of
./	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Mother: ALICIA ESCARSEGA SEPULVEDA	Temporary Guardian of the Person <u>or</u> Consent & Waiver of Notice <u>or</u>
•	Verified Inventory PTC		Paternal grandfather: NOT LISTED	Declaration of Due Diligence for: - Alexander Moreno (father) - Alicia Escarsega Sepulveda
	Notice of Hrg	Х	Maternal grandfather: NOT LISTED Maternal grandmother: ALMA ESCARSEGA	(mother)
	Aff.Mail Aff.Pub.		SEPULVEDA	
	Sp.Ntc.		Petitioner alleges that the mother is neglecting the child and abusing drugs. The	
√	Pers.Serv. Conf. Screen	X	mother left the child with the maternal grandmother for over a week and was not	
✓ ✓	Letters Duties/Supp		home when she tried to return the child. The mother's apartment was not locked and the	
	Objections		maternal grandmother found the	
	Video Receipt		apartment to be filthy with rotting food in the refrigerator. There was marijuana drying on	
	CI Report		the kitchen table and cigarette and	
./	9202		marijuana butts lying around. Petitioner	
Ě	Order Aff. Posting		states that the maternal grandmother then brought Adrian to her. Petitioner alleges that	Reviewed by: JF
	Status Rpt		Adrian is behind developmentally and she	Reviewed by: 31 Reviewed on: 11/27/12
✓	UCCJEA		fears that his mother is neglecting him and	Updates:
	Citation		not giving him any attention.	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 21 - Moreno
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